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SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT REACHED.

MR. O'MALLEY CONCLUDES HIS HANKOW MISSION.

BIG TROOP MOVEMENT.

It is officially announced that Mr. O'Malley, has gone back to Peking from Hankow to report and that before he left a definite agreement was reached on the subject of the Kiukiang Concession. This will be handed over to the Chinese authorities, as at Hankow, the question of compensation for losses sustained by British subjects having been satisfactorily adjusted.

Apparently some doubts have been raised in certain quarters regarding the advisability of landing U. S. Marines at Shanghai, but the Navy Department at Washington has intimated that the Commander-in-Chief has absolute discretionary authority in the matter.

Shantung troops in large numbers are arriving at Nanking from Pukow, where it is reported that 1,000 Anhui troops have been disarmed. A general retirement of Northern forces between Wuhu and Nanking is indicated.

Hankow, March 3.

Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley left Hankow early this morning for Peking to report to H.E.M. Minister, Sir Miles Lampson. Mr. Teichman remains at Hankow to attend to the execution of the details of the Concession agreements and to maintain diplomatic relations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government (Mr. Eugene Chen) on behalf of Sir Miles Lampson.

Before Mr. O'Malley's departure, a settlement was reached on the subject of the Kiukiang Concession. It is learned that the administration of the Kiukiang Concession is being handed over to the Chinese authorities, as at Hankow, and that the question of compensation for the losses sustained by British subjects during the disturbances at Kiukiang has been satisfactorily settled. It is understood that the documents will be available for publication to-morrow.

NAVAL REPORTS.

Oil Co. Coolies Resume.

Chungking, Mar. 3.
The situation is quiet. The last batch of missionaries have departed for Hankow.

The churning coolies of the A.P.C. and Standard Oil Co. installations have now resumed work.—*Naval Wireless.*

Shantung Troops Move.

Nanking, Mar. 3.

The movement of Shantung troops on a very large scale across the river from Pukow has now recommenced, and it is reported that 1,000 Anhui troops were disarmed at Pukow yesterday.

Reports from the direction of Kunping indicate a general retirement of the Northern forces towards the river between Wuhu and Nanking.—*Naval Wireless.*

COST OF TROOPS.

Matter not yet discussed.

In the House of Commons, Mr. G. Lansbury (Labour) asked whether the whole cost of sending the Indian troops to China would be a charge on the Imperial revenue, and Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the question had not yet been discussed with the Government of India. Therefore, he was unable to make a statement at present.—*Reuter.*

U.S. MARINES AT SHANGHAI.

Can be Landed for Exercise.

Washington, Mar. 3.
Reuter's correspondent has been informed by the Navy Department that Admiral Williams, as Commander-in-Chief of the United States' naval forces in Asiatic waters had absolute discretionary authority to land men in Shanghai

whenever he saw fit. No word had been received from Admiral Williams regarding a proposed march of American Marines through the International Settlement at Shanghai on March 5th, but it is emphasised that the Marines could be landed for exercise whenever the Commanding Officer chose.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Details of Force.

A strong American detachment, direct from home shores, arrived in Shanghai last week, 1,300 in all, in the U. S. S. Chaumont. In command was Col. C. S. Hill, who, as commanding officer of the 4th Regiment of Marines, will act as superior officer to take control of American parties, should they be required to leave ship and defend American interests in the Settlement. Second in command is Lieut.-Col. F. D. Kilgore. Major T. A. Secor has charge of the first battalion and Major Van de Grift the second.

The unit consists of two battalions of American marines, many of whom saw service in the Great War. They are tried and seasoned troops. It was learned yesterday that they will be supplemented by the 300 American Marines who landed in Shanghai several weeks ago from Guam, and these all told will make up a full regiment, equipped in peace time strength. The unit will then total 1,600 men. There were 80 officers in all.

The Chaumont brought the 1st and 3rd Battalions. Few had been in China before, although not a few of the officers were in the Philippines. They are mostly infantry, but with them are two companies of machine-gunners and two platoons of 3-inch howitzers. The machine-gunners hold records for accuracy in U.S. Service records.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE.

The Green Howards Now Here.

Further troops for service in the Far East arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon, when the troopship Assaye came into port with the 1st Batt. Green Howards and half of the General Hospital. The s.s. Antenor also arrived with military supplies.

The Green Howards are known as Alexandra Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment. The 1st Battalion is the old 19th Foot, and the Regimental Badge is the Cypher of the Princess of Wales, surmounted by the Coronet of the Princess. During the Great War the Regiment raised 24 Battalions.

The commanding officer of the 1st Battalion is Lieut.-Col. H. W. McCall, C.M.G., D.S.O., and according to the latest Army List available the senior officers are Majors B. S. Moss-Blundell, D. S. (Continued on Page 4.)

SOVIET'S LAPSE.

IMPORTANT DEBATE IN COMMONS.

LIMIT OF TOLERATION.

London, Mar. 3.

A debate on Anglo-Russian relations was initiated in the House of Commons by Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) who declared that British interests in Russia were peace and trade. In many Russian industries a revival was being witnessed and he urged strongly against a rupture of relations with Russia at this juncture.

Sir Robert Horne (Conservative) referred to the fact that it was he, himself, who in 1921 made the trade Agreement with Russia and that he was supported in doing so by Mr. Lloyd George, who was then Premier. He declared that he made the agreement believing that Russia, with its vast resources, was fitted to revive the economic fortunes of Europe. He was not ashamed of his effort but he confessed that all his hopes had failed to be realised. He did not believe that British trade would suffer at all by breaking off relations with Russia.

Labour Leader Agrees.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Labour Leader and former Foreign Secretary) contended that the diplomatic relations between this country and Russia from the year 1921 to the present had never given the Trade Agreement a proper chance. He said he was glad the Foreign Secretary had sent the Note to Russia. Since he himself left office he had been repeatedly asked what he would do, and he had no hesitation in saying that if he had been in office he would have sent the note a good long time before it was sent. He thought it would have been stiffer in substance. But he hoped the Government had at present no intention either of abrogating the Trade Agreement or of severing relations. He suggested that the specific points made against the Soviet Government should first be argued, reasoned and negotiated upon.

Why Action Delayed.

Sir Austen Chamberlain took note with satisfaction and gratitude of the repetition by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald of those principles of international relations which he asserted in the Note which he had sent to the Soviet Government as one of his last executive acts when he was Premier and Foreign Secretary. He noted also that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald directly approved of the action of the present Government in sending the note now. Referring to the daily propaganda of the Soviet Government, which he said, singled out the British Empire as a particular mark and object of their animosity and ill-will, Sir Austen Chamberlain said: "If we had had to consider nothing but our own domestic situation and our own interests as affected by the Trade Agreement or by an exchange of diplomatic relations, I don't think I should have waited so long before asking my colleagues to take the action which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald clearly indicated he was prepared to take and would take if these provocations continued." The Government had had to take a wider view. They had felt that a breach with Russia, once relations with her had been started, must have its reaction on other countries. If action had been taken before the world had been shown what was the provocation, it would have had a very disturbing effect upon the European situation. The Soviet Government had sought to convince other countries that the policy of His Majesty's Government was to stir up trouble and to use them as an instrument of anti-Soviet policy. Nothing could be further removed from the truth.

Britain's Policy.

Whenever he had spoken to representatives of any foreign country upon this subject, he had always told them that an entente be-

THE BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES.

MORE MEN BUT LOWER COST.

SHANGHAI FORCE EXPENSES.

London, Mar. 3.

The Army Estimates for the forthcoming financial year amount to £41,565,000, a decrease of £935,000, with a maximum number on the establishment of 168,500—an increase of 7,100.

The Premier announced in the House of Commons that the Budget would be introduced on April 14th.

Cost of Troops to China.

The reduction in the Army Estimate is largely due to a decrease of pay, saving £346,000, notwithstanding an increase in the personnel by 7,100.

Supplementary army estimates cover the requirements to March 31st arising out of the despatch of troops to China, and amount to £950,000. The additional charges mostly relate to sea transport, the pay of reservists called up, the maintenance of troops sent from India, the purchase of additional stores, and the cost of accommodation at Shanghai and Hongkong.—*Reuter.*

The Singapore Base.

The War Secretary's Memorandum states that provision has been made for the commencement of the military defence works required in connection with the Naval Base at Singapore.—*Reuter.*

SUNNING PIRATES.

TWO MORE EXECUTED.

The grim work of the executioner at Victoria Gaol in connection with the Sunning piracy was finally completed this morning, with the hanging of the last two of the six condemned men.

The Coroner's enquiry sitting this afternoon, will be in respect of the deaths of Chang Chiu-man and Chan Kam-yin, the 5th and 20th defendants in the long-protracted trial.

Chang Chiu-man is recalled as being the last of five men who were hanged principally on evidence of their being found in a boat by H.M.S. Bluebell, while the 20th defendant, the second of the two pirates executed this morning, was one of the two men outwitted by the officers on the bridge in the successful coup which resulted in the latter regaining control of the vessel. In a statement made at the close of the trial, this man said that he "robbed the rich to give to the poor."

Possibly at the next criminal Sessions, the trial will commence of two more men who have been committed for trial in connection with the same piracy.

PARTIAL COLLAPSE.

A WANCHAI INCIDENT.

Much alarm was occasioned in the Wanchai district yesterday, through the partial collapse of a house at Wanchai Road.

The first floor of No. 252, Wanchai Road, suddenly gave way and a Chinese dropped through into the ground floor with it. Fortunately, the local Police Station is within a very short distance, and the man was soon extricated. Injured chiefly in the legs, he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Inmates of the other floors of this house have moved out, and shoring operations have been carried out.

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CHINA POLICY.

"DON'T LET BRITAIN DOWN."

AMERICAN SPEAKS OUT.

The following interview was recently granted to the New York Sun by Mr. Sterling Fessenden. Mr. Fessenden's outspokenness will (says a Shanghai paper) earn for him the gratitude of every Briton and all but a very small section of the Americans in China:

"It is to be hoped that when Washington announces its China policy it will be such that all Americans in the Far East can be proud," says Sterling Fessenden, American, and President of the Shanghai Municipal Council. "The American policy out here has not always been of that nature. We sometimes have shown a tendency to follow along behind Great Britain, to let that country pull our chestnuts out of the fire."

Britain Let Down.

"At critical moments the United States has let Britain down by adopting a separate policy and alleged greater friendliness toward China. For instance, in 1824, at the close of Great Britain's opium war, all other nations of Europe and the United States found the doors of China opened for their own commerce by the Treaty of Nanking."

All the advantages England won by the war were appropriated by other Powers. Similarly, while Great Britain and France were getting their Tientsin treaties in 1858, as rewards for victory, the United States and Russia, as well, stepped in and obtained equally favourable treaties without a struggle.

The Role of Jackal.

"The insinuation that America crawled behind British guns in China is irritating to some of us. The role of jackal is unpleasant. This does not mean that we want the United States to go to war to protect Great Britain's concessions at Hankow, or to crush China's legitimate aspirations. Every sane foreigner in the Far East knows that big changes must come, that extraterritoriality cannot be maintained indefinitely."

"Wages paid to labour are too low and must be raised. All foreigners here made the mistake of utilizing Chinese labour with too little recompense. The living wage must come."

The Real Danger.

"The danger of this crisis is that at the moment, the change in China is led and governed by a Soviet outfit from Great Britain's ancient enemy Russia. The Bolsheviks are trying to utilize the present moment to destroy British trade and win power for communism."

"Wrongs in the Chinese economic life and relations between China and the Powers can be adjusted, but not in a minute. Yet this is what the Soviets are compelling poor China to accept, smash things through regardless."

Advice to Go Slow.

"For these reasons, bills now before Congress to recognize Canton and abolish extraterritoriality immediately are perilous. Canton and the Kuomintang are dominated by the Soviet crowd and to recognize the Cantonese Government would be equivalent to recognizing Red Russia. Extraterritoriality treaties guarantee certain things and should not be destroyed."

COLLIERY DISASTERS.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND OPENED.

London, March 3.
The Lord Mayor of London has opened a fund for the relief of the sufferers in the colliery disasters at Cwm and Blithorpe, to which one London newspaper has already subscribed two thousand guineas.—*Reuter.*

MR. PARRY THOMAS KILLED.

NOTED RACING MOTORIST'S DEATH.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

London, March 3.

The famous racing motorist, Mr. T. G. Parry Thomas, was killed in attempting to recapture the world's speed record at Pendine Sands, Wales, to-day.—*Reuter.*

The Accident Described.

Later.

"Dare Devil Parry Thomas" was the idol of the crowds at Brooklands, where tens of thousands have gasped in amazement at his consummate nerve in manoeuvring his giant car at two miles per minute with unerring judgment and passing a packed field of competitors. He was to-day making his fourth attempt to recapture the record made by Major Campbell on February 4th and had just turned to make the return journey.

The car made a tremendous skid, the offside wheel flew towards the sea, the car completely somersaulted, righted itself, burst into flames, went backwards for a quarter of a mile on three wheels, and finally overturned and was completely destroyed. Horrified officials and spectators rushed to help the motorist and found his body covered with blood, the head being practically severed. He had apparently been killed instantaneously, and it was necessary to break the legs to extricate the body from the wreckage.—*Reuter.*

Theory of Cause.

It is believed that the accident to Parry Thomas was due to the rupture of the driving chain, when the car was travelling at 160 miles per hour. The chain flew off with terrific force, smashed the windscreen and wrapped itself round the driver's neck, practically decapitating him.—*Reuter.*

Against Doctor's Advice.

A brief account of the tragedy, sent by British Wireless says that Mr. Parry Thomas was thrown through the windscreen, and decapitated. He had only recently recovered from influenza and had been advised by his doctor against making his attempt.

[The late Mr. Parry Thomas' famous car was known as "Babs" and it was in this which he established a new record for one mile (flying start) covering the distance in 20½ secs.—a rate of 170.624 miles per hour. This feat was accomplished in April last, on Pendine Sands—the scene of yesterday's grim fatality.]

MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE.

ON WATERFRONT AT JERSEY CITY.

New York, March 3.

The early morning sky was brilliantly illuminated by a fire on the waterfront at Jersey City, destroying two Pennsylvania Railway piers, fifty loaded goods cars and razing several factories and other buildings.

The damage is estimated at one million dollars.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEWEST BATTLESHIPS.

THEIR ENORMOUS COST.

London, March 3.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, questioned in the House of Commons, announced that the battleships Rodney and Nelson were expected to be completed in September and July respectively.

The total cost, including guns was £6,556,884 for the Rodney and £6,483,879 for the Nelson. Ammunition and reserve would cost a further £321,390 each.—*Reuter.*

HOTEL MEETING.

"PENINSULA" TAKEN OVER.

KALEE SALE PROFIT.

That the Peninsula Hotel has been taken over by the military authorities under an agreement which provides for a monthly rental and reinstatement of the premises, and that a profit of \$370,102 was made on the sale of the Kalee Hotel, Shanghai, was announced by Mr. J. H. Taggart at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., held at Exchange Building this morning.

Mr. J. H. Taggart presided, and there were also present Mr. W. J. Hawker (managing director), Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. B. Lander Lewis (Directors), Mr. P. H. Suckling (General Manager), Mr. C. G. Copley (Secretary), Messrs. A. A. Alves, E. Abraham, J. T. Bagram, O. R. Benson, W. H. Brown, J. T. Sang Choy, N. V. A. Croucher, F. J. Easterbrook, W. E. Van Eps, Fung Tui-hang, H. Gittins, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. O. Kitchell, Kwok Kam-hang, J. E. Mackenzie, T. R. Parsons, Poon Lai-fung, F. Schaer, P. M. N. da Silva, A. W. Smith, and So Pá-shao (shareholders, representing 74,105 shares).

Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—As the printed report and accounts have been in your hands for several days I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure of taking them, as read. The report of the auditors is as follows:—We have audited the above Account and Balance Sheet with the books and documents of the Head Office and the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Shanghai Branch rendered by Messrs. Thomson and Co., certified by them as correct. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.—Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, Auditors, Hongkong, 15th February, 1927."

You will notice from the Profit and Loss account for the year 1926 that the balance of Working Account is \$1,194,373.33—an increase of \$55,000 on the balance of Working Account of the preceding year. I have to point out, however, that the Working Account for 1926 includes credit, proportionately for the twelve months, in respect of rental insurance as a result of the Company's loss of the north block of the Hongkong Hotel by the fire which occurred on the 1st January, 1926; on the other hand, the Company lost, for the last two months of the year, revenue from the Kalee Hotel, Shanghai. Therefore the 1926 balance of Working Account cannot fairly be compared with the figure of the previous year, as the 1926 profit on working is not wholly accounted for by the earnings of the properties operated by the Company to-day.

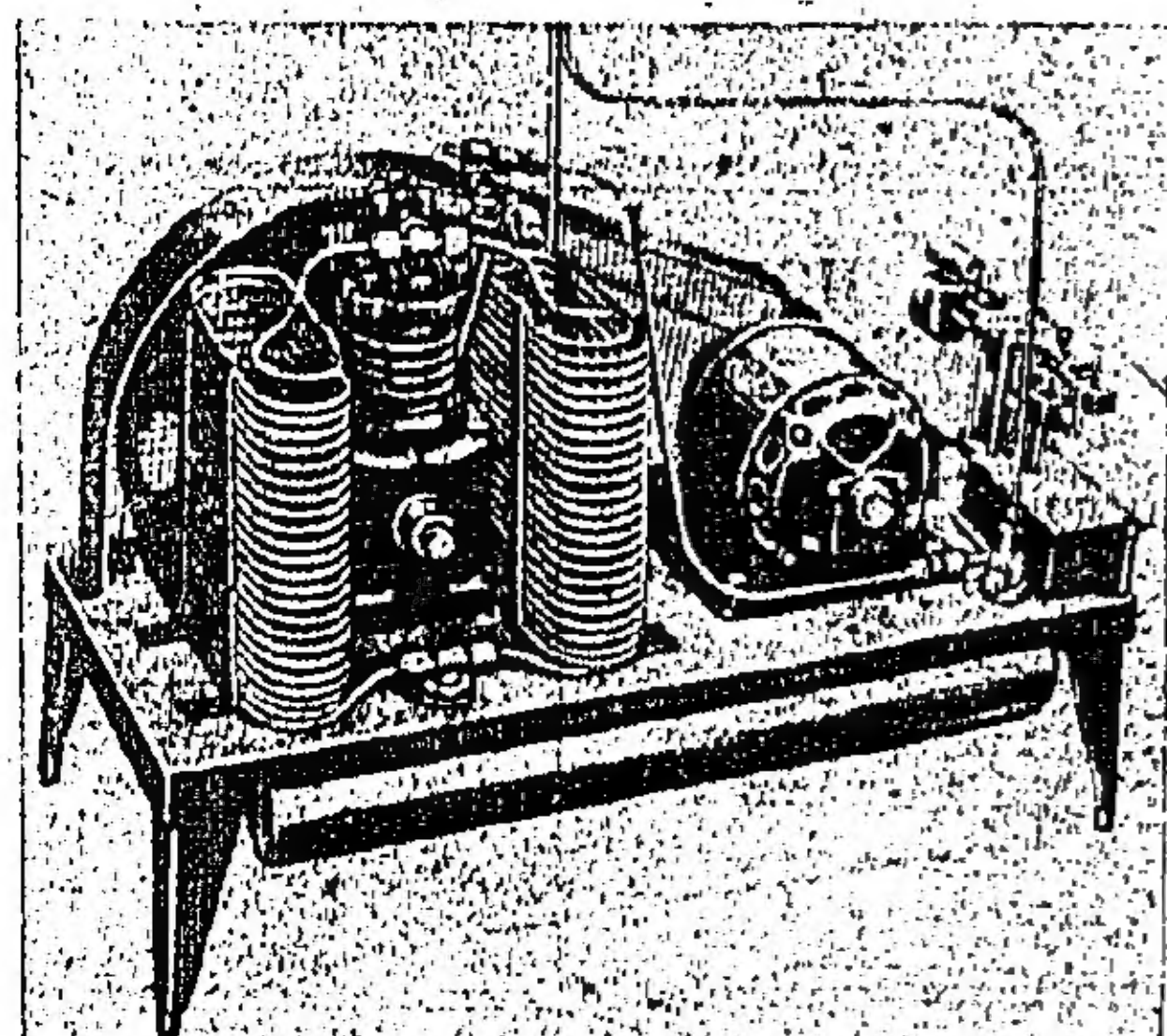
Kalee Sale Profit.

Whilst making mention of the Kalee Hotel in Shanghai, I should inform you that delivery of that property was duly made by the Company on the 1st December last, and the figure of \$370,102.32 appearing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account represents the profit made by the Company on that transaction. It unfortunately happened that at the end of the year, when a large part of the sale price was transferred to our Bank account in Hongkong, the rate of exchange was against us, with the result that to the debit of Profit and Loss Account appears

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MR. A. H. FERGUSON GUEST OF GUILD.

The Committee and members of the Twenty-Four Merchants' Guild and friends, gave a dinner in honour of Mr. A. H. Ferguson, the well-known manager of the Chartered Bank, at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden last night, when Sir Robert Ho Tung presided.

Among those present were the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. A. E. Wood, Lieut. Col. F. Hayley Bell, Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Mr. J. R. George, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. C. L. Sandes, Mr. G. Hogg, Mr. L. E. Hopkins, Mr. P. Ender, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. P. W. Parker, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. H. H. H. Priestly, Mr. D. E. Sassoon and many others.

Among the hosts were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Li Yau-chuen, Mr. Li Po-kwai, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Ho In, Mr. Li Hy-san, Mr. Li Yik-miu, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. To See-tuen, Mr. Chan Tin-son, Mr. Yung Tsz-ming, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Ho Kwong and many other bankers, rice merchants and other business men.

President's Speech.

Sir Robert Ho Tung said: Forty years' business association with the Chartered Bank and close friendship with some of those who have directed its destinies in Hongkong no doubt account for the pressing invitation which I received to preside at this happy function this evening.

It gives me much pleasure to accept this invitation and to associate myself with the Chinese merchants and native bankers of Hongkong, as represented by their important and expansive interests in this Colony, to do honour to our guest this evening.

That such a representative association of leading Chinese business men in Hongkong should desire to testify to the business integrity and the commercial ability of our guest of honour, is in itself, I should imagine, a great and coveted testimonial which any business or commercial man could desire to take away with him upon leaving the Colony.

Superficial Estrangement.

We are hearing in these days a great deal of the estrangement between the Chinese and the British. How far there is any fundamental difference, I leave to the good sense of the large number gathered here to-night to answer for me.

Speaking for myself, I can only come to one conclusion, that this estrangement and this difference is but superficial and transitory. I am convinced, moreover, that when the present gap is bridged over, the old friendship and trust will be restored to the greater advantage of both.

Mr. Ferguson has studiously avoided the sphere of politics during his long residence and association with business affairs in the Far East. There is probably a great deal of wisdom in his standing off from the political area, tempting as its invitation might be, for, in the magnitude of and the responsibility involved in the undertaking placed in his charge, in a bank of the standing and importance of the Chartered Bank, and in view of the trying times through which we are passing, it is not difficult to imagine that his time must be wholly devoted to the interests of this great and strong Far Eastern financial institution.

The Realm of Politics.

Had the last few years been more normal and tranquil and the consequent demand on his time as head of the bank, less pressing, Mr. Ferguson might have found

enough leisure to take a more active interest in politics to the benefit of Hongkong. But even in the realm of politics the Chartered Bank is entitled to our unflinching gratitude, for it is due to the untiring energy and patience of one of Mr. Ferguson's predecessors, Mr. T. H. Whitehead, an intimate friend of mine, that greater unofficial representation was obtained on the Legislative Council, which led also to the appointment of unofficial members to the Executive Council.

I am happy to think that Mr. Whitehead still takes a very large interest in China and particularly in Hongkong affairs, and I am sure that when he learns of this eloquent testimony of Chinese appreciation of his successor, who is leaving us on home leave for one year only, he will recall his China associations with a pleasure which must be enhanced by the knowledge that we have not forgotten and will not forget his valuable services to the Colony.

Though not very much in the public limelight, Mr. Ferguson saw, and is seeing, Hongkong through one of the most critical periods of its existence in the commercial crisis that visited it with so much suddenness in the middle of 1925, and of which we hope we are seeing to-day the first signs of its vanishing into the thin air of unpleasant memory, soon to be forgotten as a thing of the past.

During the worst period of the crisis Mr. Ferguson was invited to serve on the Committee for the distribution of the Trade Loan, obtained from the Imperial Government, of £3,000,000 sterling.

Amidst the conflicting claims for financial support during the terrible period of financial stringency the task of the Committee must necessarily have been onerous and difficult, but I feel sure that Mr. Ferguson was a most valuable asset to that Committee, and that he materially assisted the Government as in general stood for financial stability and cautious but impartial disposition of the available capital.

Evidence of Ability.

In the strength of the Chartered Bank, as we see it to-day, Mr. Ferguson gives the greatest evidence of his ability. It should be a proud boast of any Bank Manager that the confidence of Chinese bankers, no less than that of Chinese merchants and traders, remains unshaken and unimpaired, if not actually strengthened, by the fact that in the Chartered Bank they see symbolised the greatness and the soundness of British financial acumen.

Among old names associated with the Chartered Bank, I recall those of the late Mr. James Whittall, a former Director of the Bank in London, whom I knew for many years and with whose firm I had business relations for a considerable time.

Again, the late Sir John Jordan was another outstanding figure who was associated also for too short a time—with the members of the Board in London. Sir John I knew intimately, and Sir John typifies the very essence of British friendship to, and sympathy with, China, a fact that cannot be disputed, whether in the narrower confines of Hongkong, or within the larger sphere of China.

Service Elsewhere.

Before Mr. Ferguson came to Hongkong on promotion, he saw a great deal of service elsewhere. He joined the Bank in London in 1899. Three years after he came out to the East and was sent to Sumatra, thence to Penang for nearly 2 years. From 1906-1909 he was stationed at Taiping and subsequently at Ipoh, a town then coming into prominence from the rich tinlands in Perak, which were then being developed.

From 1909 to 1911 Mr. Ferguson was looking after the Bank's interests in Burmah. In 1911 we welcomed him to Hongkong for the first time. With the exception of a few months in Tientsin in 1912 he remained in the Colony until 1915 in which year he went

on home leave. In 1917 Mr. Ferguson received further promotion to New York, and answering to the call of the East went to Peking in 1917 and remained in charge until the year 1920.

In the latter year he returned to Hongkong and remained for the long period of seven years. It was during this time that Mr. Ferguson became better acquainted with the Chinese, and they with him, and I make bold to assert that the acquaintance thus formed is one of mutual confidence and respect.

Therefore, Gentlemen, when we meet to wish Mr. Ferguson all good luck and a happy reunion with his home and people when he reaches London, we meet in a spirit of friendship, such as I have not the

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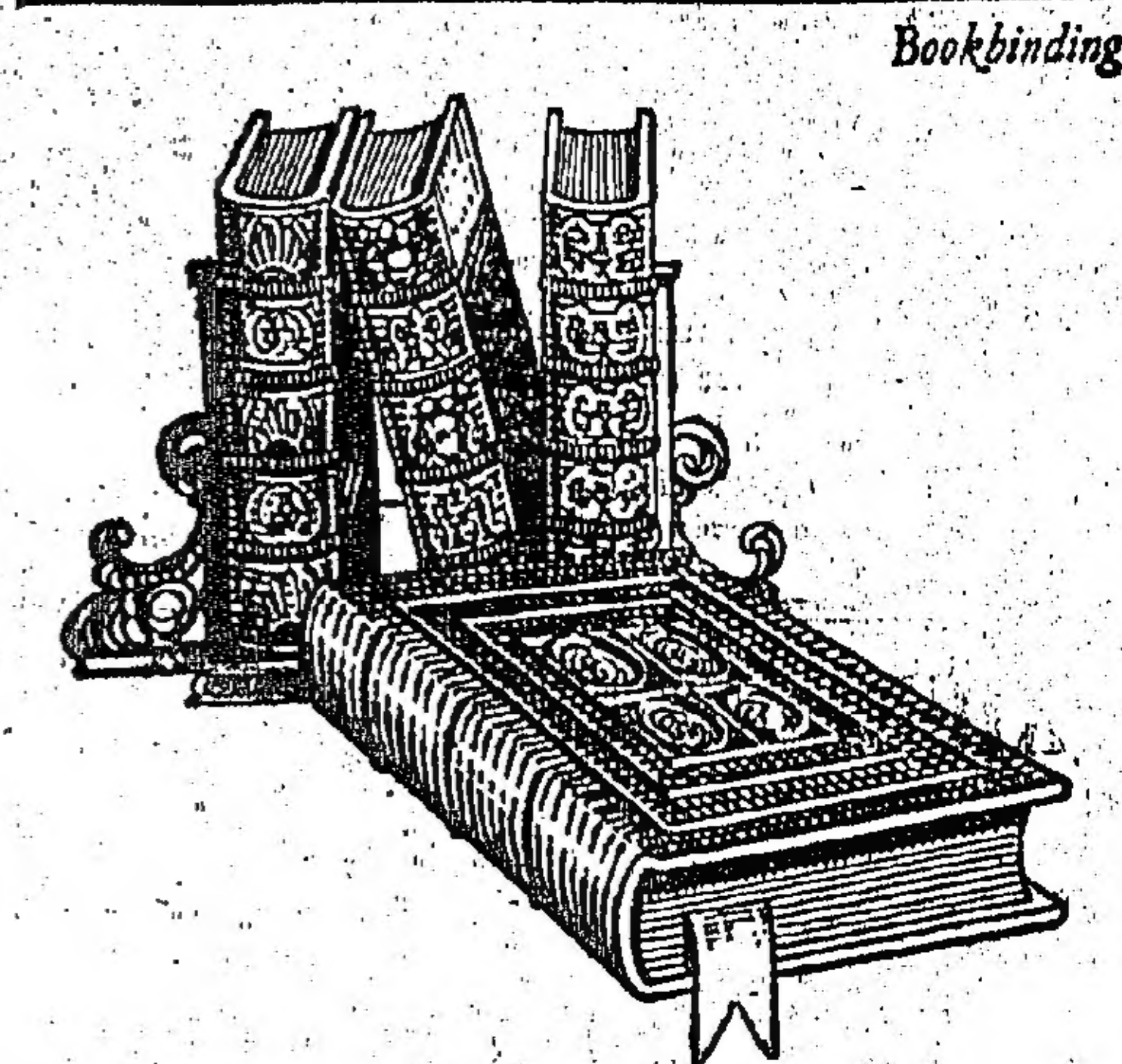


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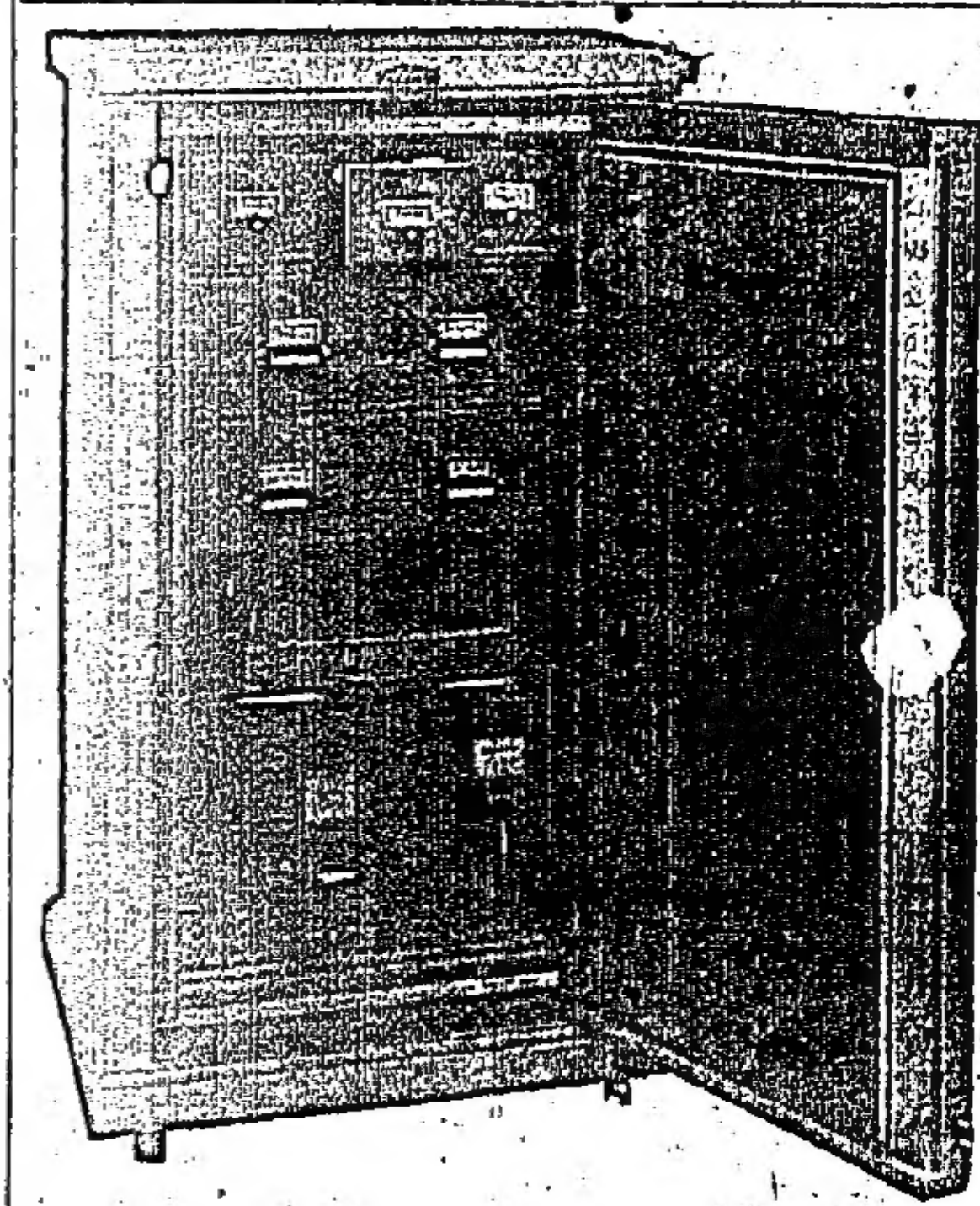
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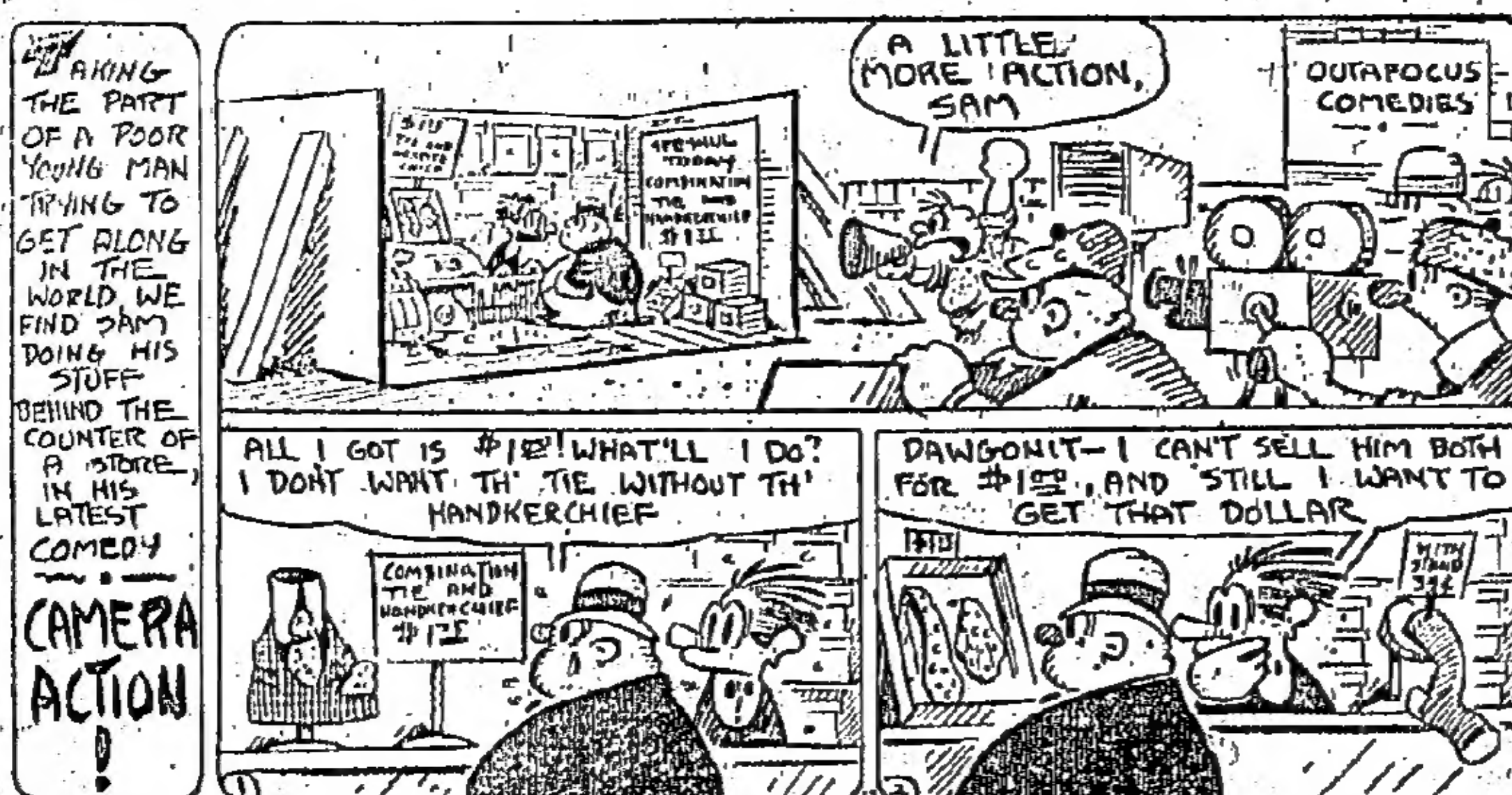
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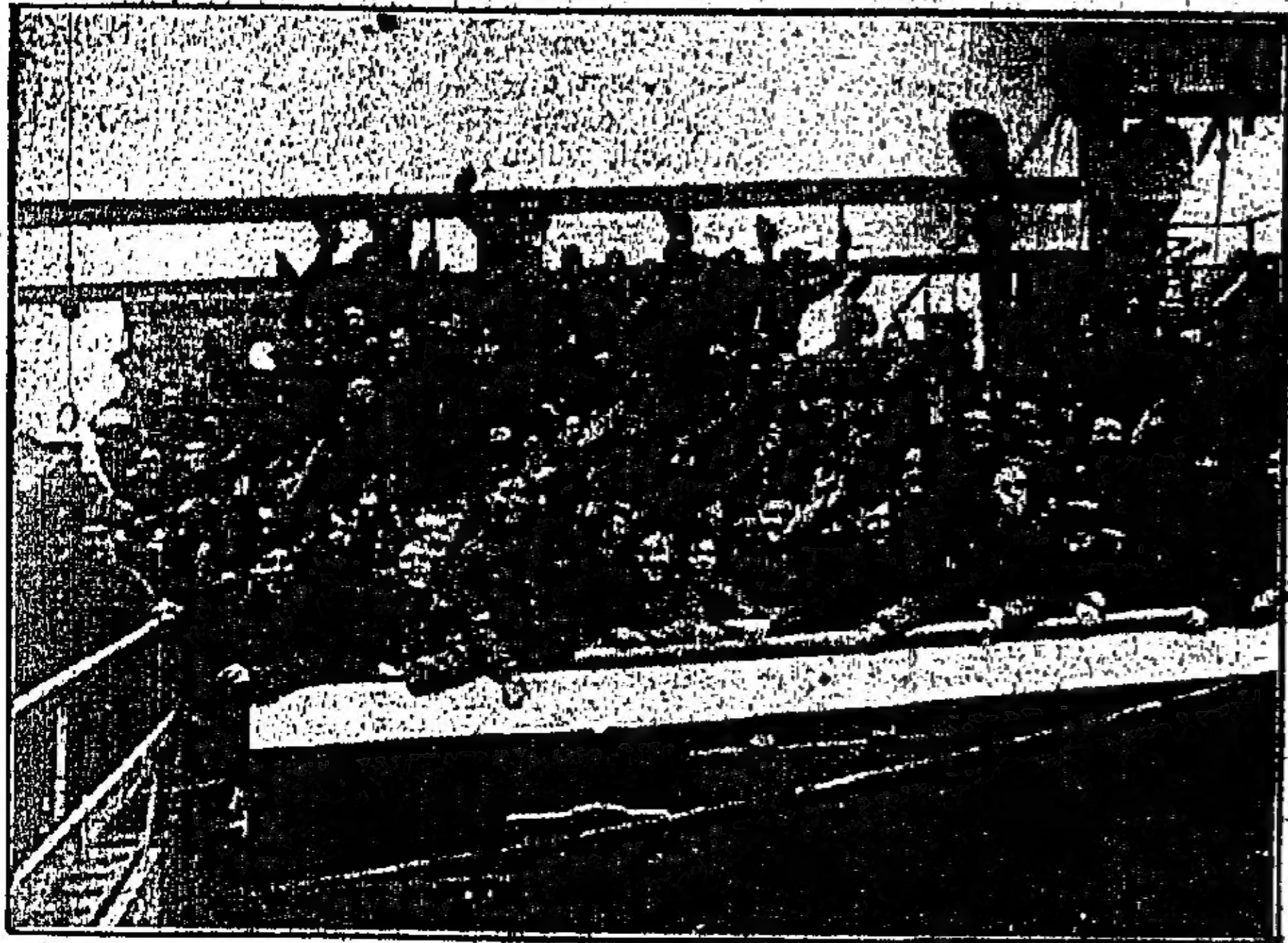
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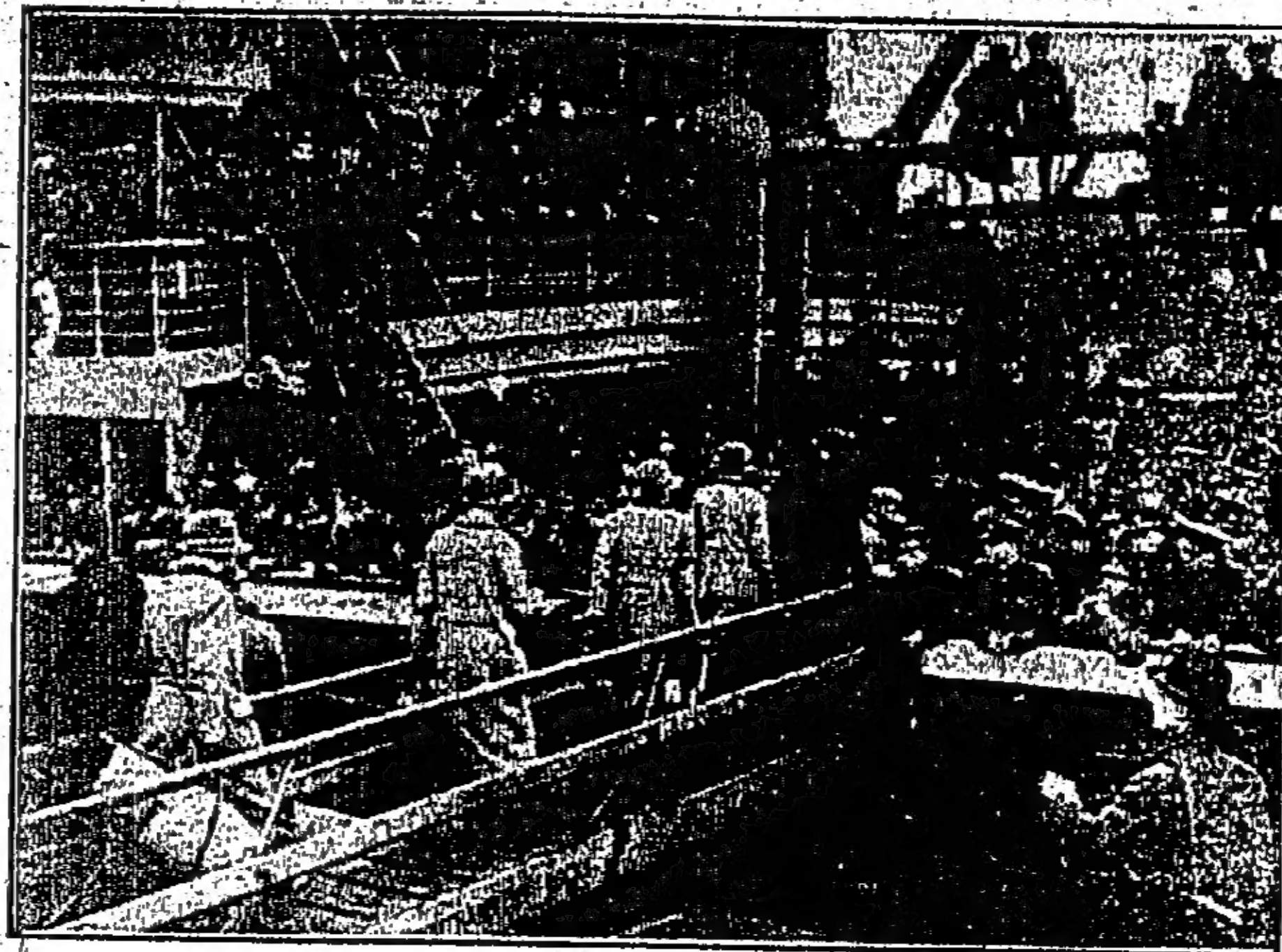
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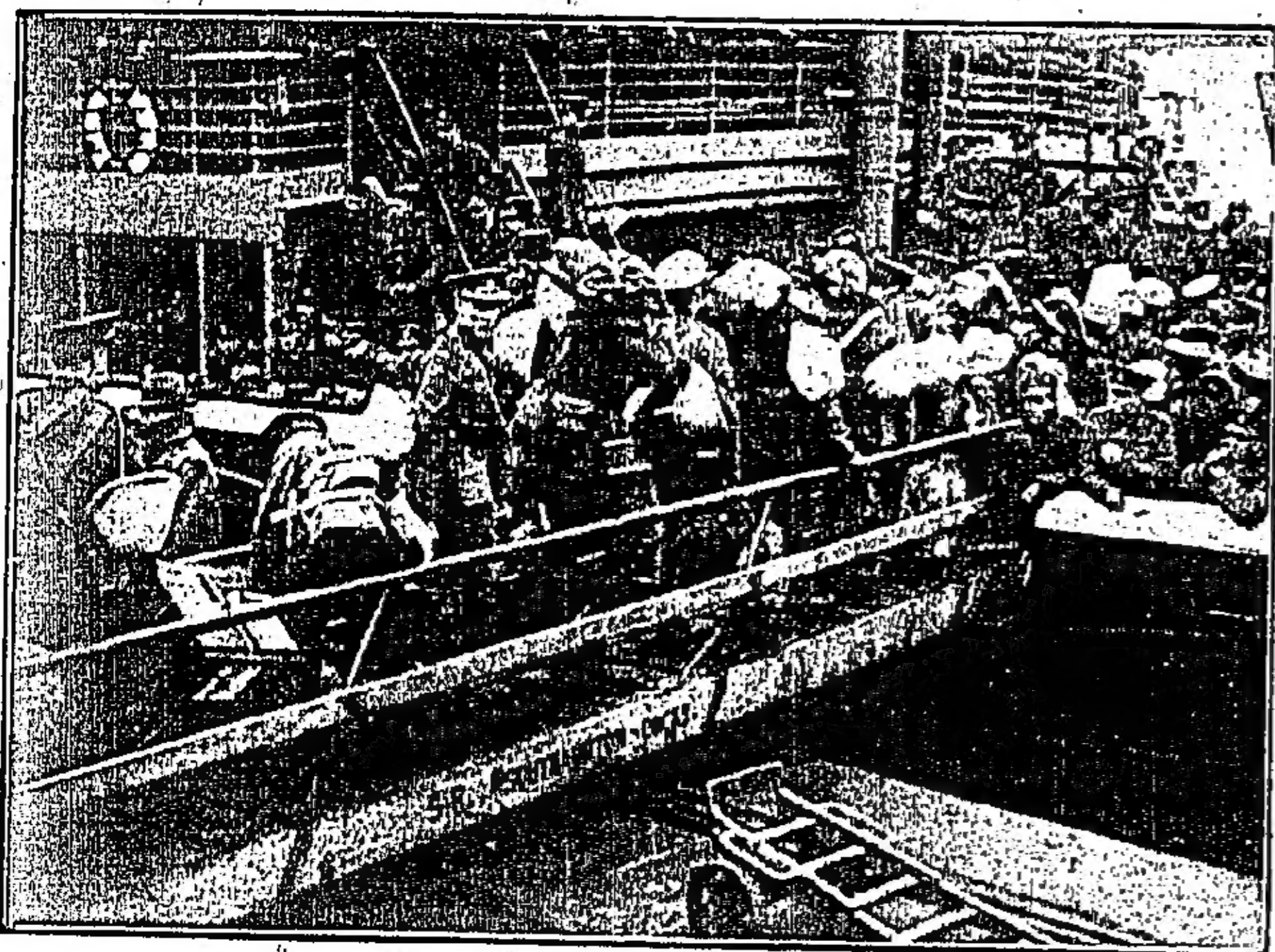
BRITISH TROOPS FOR CHINA.



An animated scene as the transport Assaye, with the 1st Green Howards, left Southampton. They arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon.



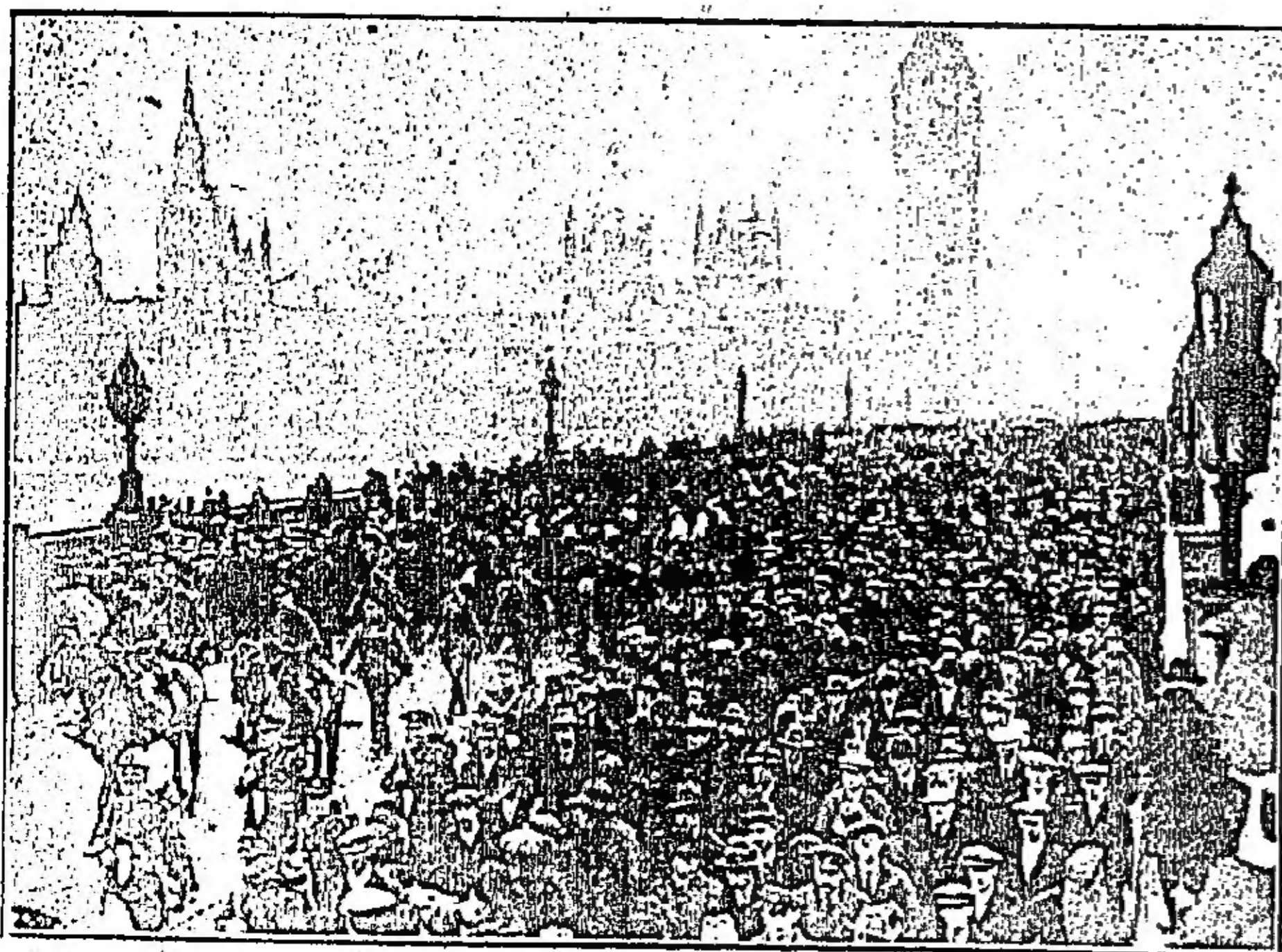
Nurses of the Queen Alexandra Nursing Staff going aboard the transport Assaye at Southampton for service in the Far East.



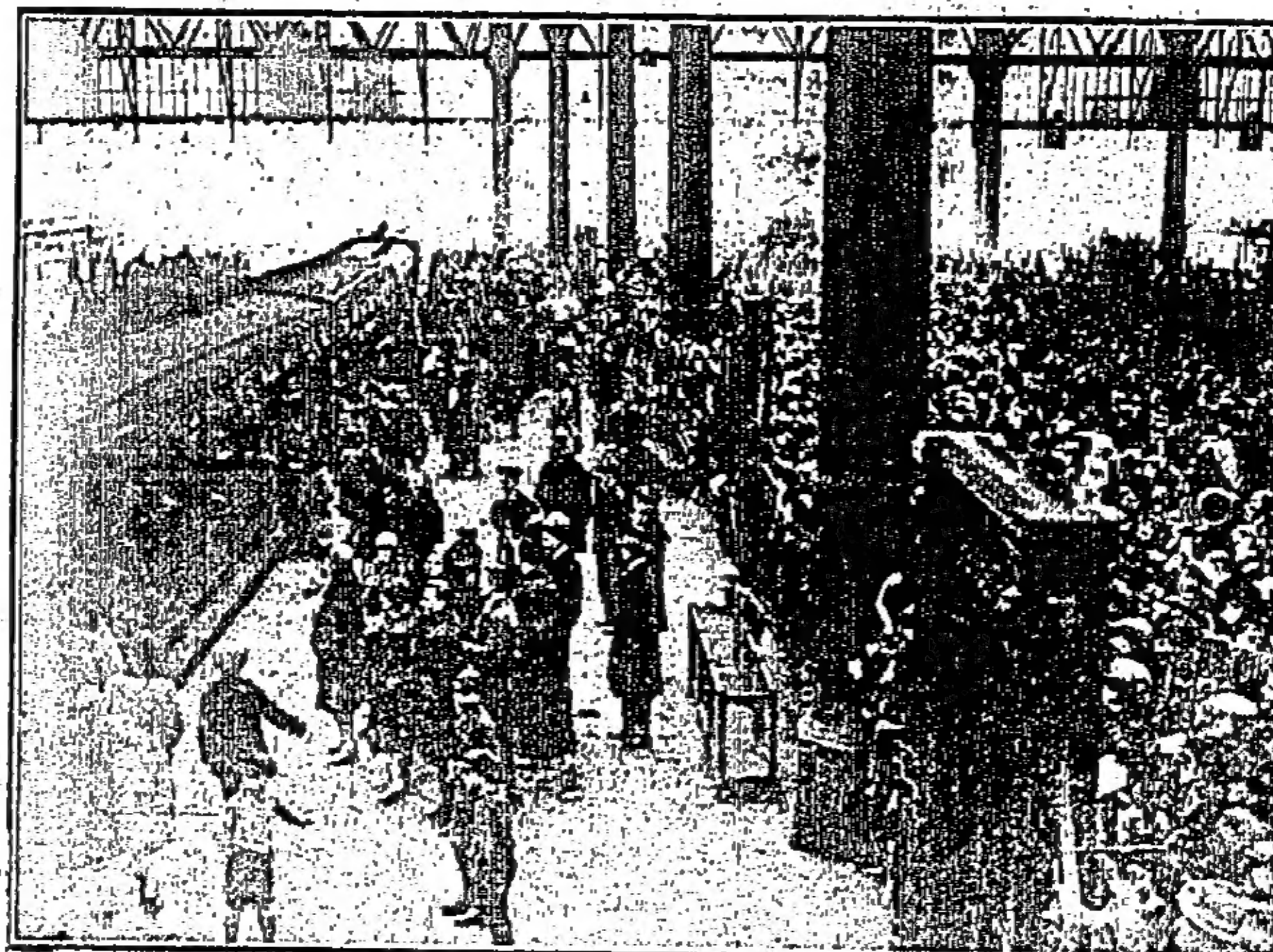
This picture shows some of the R.A.M.C. units, who arrived in Hongkong yesterday, going aboard the transport Assaye.



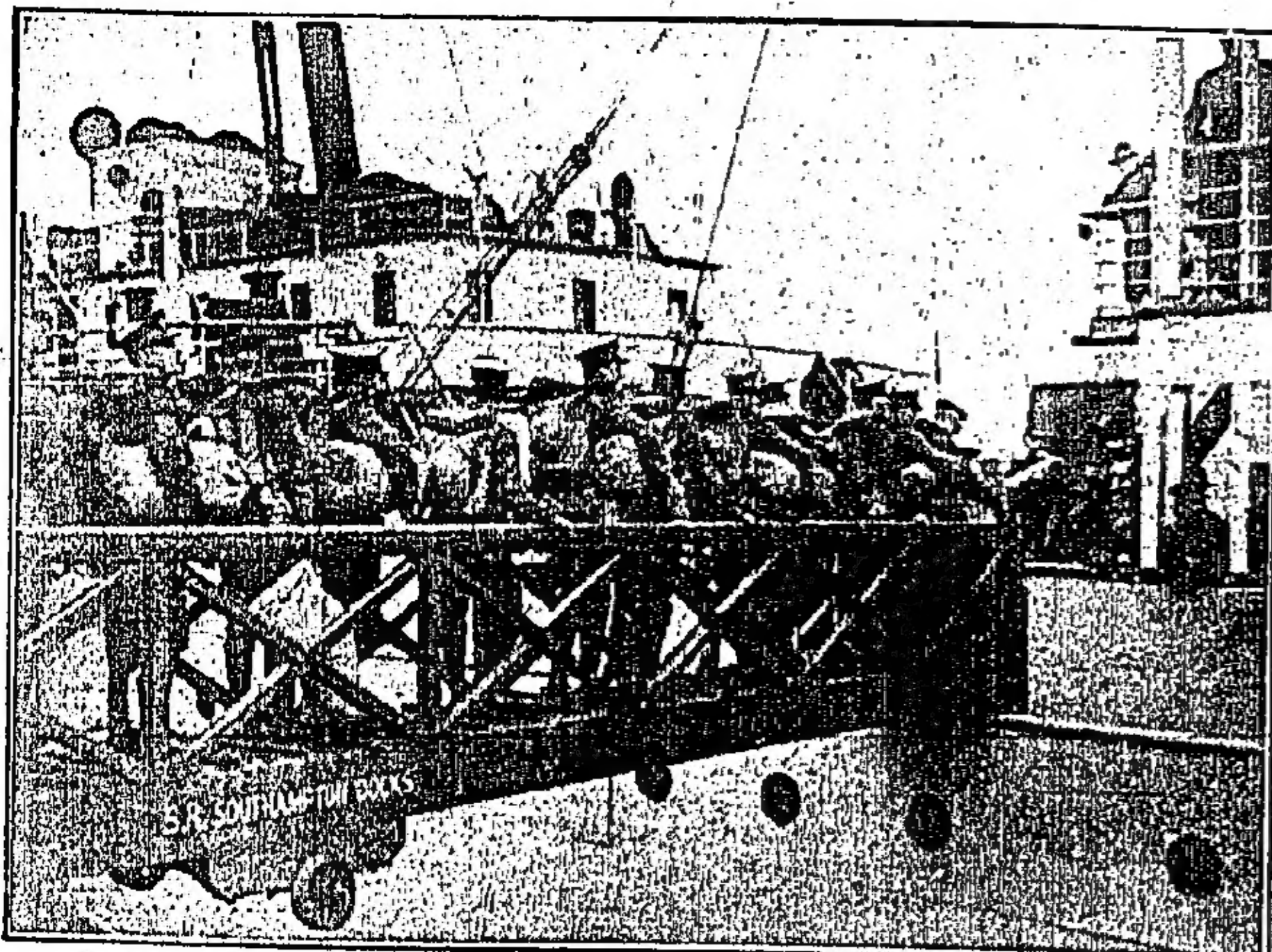
Men of the famous Scottish regiment, the Cameronians, arriving at London Docks for embarkation to the Far East.



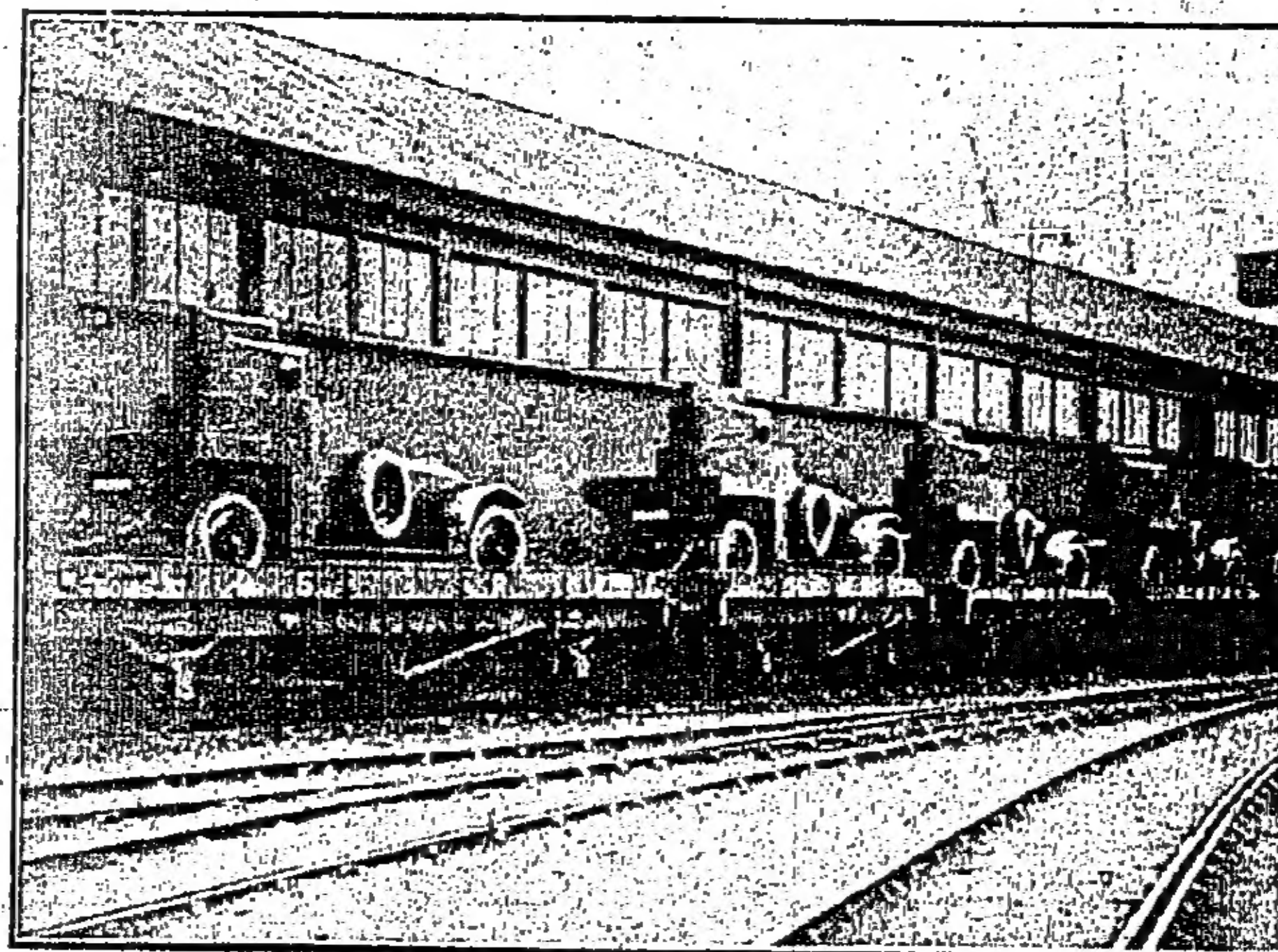
The 2nd. Batt. Coldstream Guards, now in Hongkong, marching over Westminster Bridge en route to Waterloo Station for the Far East.



London gave a great send-off to the Coldstream Guards. This picture shows the men saying good-bye to friends at Waterloo Station.



Here the 2nd. Batt. Coldstream Guards are seen at Southampton going aboard the Kinfauns Castle, which brought them to Hongkong.



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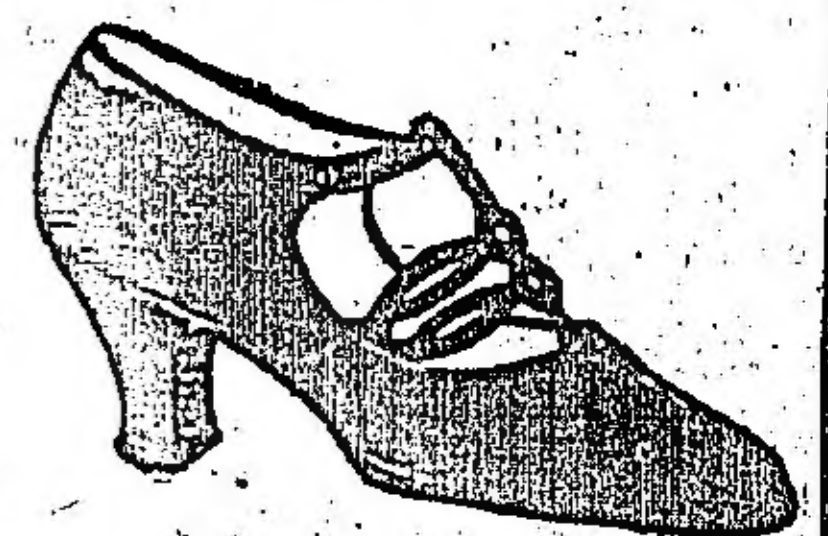
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We have this day removed our

Curio and Blackwood Shop to St.

George's Building, Ice House

Street.

-KWONG SANG.

Hongkong, March 1st, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE

AND RECREATION CLUB

OF MACAO LTD.

Notice is hereby given that

owing to the Memorial Day of Dr.

Sun Yat Sen's death which comes

on the 12th March, the Inaugural

Race Meeting has to be postponed

to 19th and 20th March, instead

of 12th and 13th March, 1927.

Macao, 25th Feb., 1927.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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SATURDAY, 5th March,

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at the

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Stoker Norman Morris

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A. R. Dixon

H.M.S. "Frobisher."

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March.

USUAL PRICES.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927.

28th February, 1st, 2nd,

and 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10. each per day or \$30. for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4. per day.—Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

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Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

Mr. J. Barendsen being no longer in our employ his Power of Attorney is hereby cancelled. American Asiatic Underwriters, (South China) Fed. Inc., U.S.A. L. M. HOWE, Special Representative, March 1st, 1927.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the year ending 31st December, 1926, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 28th February, 1927, at the Office of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By Order,

of the Court of Directors,

A. H. BARLOW,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1927.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate No. 1639—100 Shares

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FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

From NEW YORK.

The Motor Vessel,

"LARCHBANK"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence Delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 10th March, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 17th March, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 10th March, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

THE BANK LINE LIMITED,

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Hongkong, March 4, 1927.

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4, Duddell Street.

If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

By Order,

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

3 Cases Wooden Shoe Strainers.

30 Cases Cantharides.

6 Bales Newspapers.

1 Case Glass Ware.

1 Case Porcelain Figures.

1 Case Yarn.

1 Case Neck Ties, Links, Studs, etc.

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A Quantity of Provisions and Sundries.

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At H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, and at Kowloon Naval Depot.

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Files, Blankets, Fold-up Lava-

tories, Curtains, Overcases, Glazed

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Metallic Hoses, Metallic Voice Pip-

ing, Canvas tubing, Old Cordage,

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vas Rags, Old India Rubber, Old

Leather, Tanned Rags, Old Woollen

Rags, Old Hessian, Coconut Mat-

ting, Asbestos Packing, Old Twill,

Old Fenders, Old Paint Drums,

New Canvas Cuttings, Old Iron

and Steel, Old Scrap Brass, Cop-

per, Lead, Zinc, White Metal, Gun

Metal, Brass Borings and Zinc

Ashes, Copper and Brass Tubes,

Brown Jean, Wood and Iron

Blocks, Lamps, Lanterns, Tackle

Hooks, Spring Balances, Gauges,

Old Steel Tubes, Old Steel Plates,

Old Steel Shovels, Old Glass, Plate

Glass, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty

Mineral Oil and Oil Fuel, Anchors,

Chain Cable and Gear, Lathes,

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nacles, Clocks, Diver's Air Pumps,

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10th March.

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nel, &c., Blankets, Boots, Sundry

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Lots may be inspected on

Monday, 7th March, 1927.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed in

Catalogue.

LAMMERT BROS.,

By Appointment Auctioneers

to the Admiralty.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1927.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local

share quotations issued to-day:—

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Chartered Bank, £21 n.

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DAVIDSON.—On March 3rd, at The Peak Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidson, No. 5, Saiwan Terrace, Shaukiwan, a son.

The
Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1927.

DISARMAMENT.

The question of disarmament is destined to loom up large during the present year, not only because of President Coolidge's invitation for a conference on naval limitation, which has been accepted by Great Britain and also by Japan, but because of the big programme of the League of Nations in this matter. It was stated in a telegram received yesterday that the Preparatory Commission for a Disarmament Conference is due to meet again on March 25th, when it will have before it the whole of the work done by various technical sub-Commissions, and it is hoped that it may be possible to draw up a programme and fix a date for a full International Disarmament Conference. In Britain's reply to the United States, published on Tuesday, it was stated that the views of the British Government upon the special geographical position of the British Empire, the length of inter-Imperial communications and the necessity of protection for its food supply, together with the special conditions and requirements of the other countries invited must be taken into account, and it is here that one comes up against the real problem of any disarmament proposal—the adjustment of the various nations' needs to any rule or decision. Not only as regards the work at Geneva but also in regard to President Coolidge's invitation, Great Britain will have to insist on her special needs as an insular power and for this reason will possibly be called upon to make some important pronouncements on a subject which is bristling with difficulties. It is easy to agree in principle, but it might be very hard to agree on concrete proposals.

Some definite evidence of the complicated character of the problem of disarmament is provided in the report of Sub-Commission A of the Preparatory Commission which was made public at Home some few weeks ago. This particular Sub-Commission is composed of Government experts of the various military, naval and air forces of the Powers concerned and it has, in the main, reported that it is necessary to study all armaments (land, sea and air) in combination in order to judge of the possibilities of limiting or reducing either one of them. The delegation of the British Empire has made a very important declaration in which there occurs the following—"An insular country with large overseas possessions and interests is obliged to maintain its forces for reasons which differ from those applicable to continental countries. Thus, for example, the navy of an island Power is maintained for two primary reasons:—(a) The safeguarding of its trade routes, commerce, and food; and (b) the defence of its own coasts and those of outlying parts of its empire. A maritime empire, in view of its great responsibility for safeguarding its lines of communication, requires a navy which is affected only to a certain degree by the size of navies of neighbouring countries. The same broad principles apply with regard to the armies maintained. The armies of continental nations are maintained with the primary object of protecting their country from aggression. The army of a maritime empire is maintained to supply the needs of its overseas commitments. Even more than in the case of the navy, it is true to say that the size of the army is practically independent of the size of the armies of its neighbours." The declaration proceeded to deal with some of the intricacies of adjusting the relationship between an army and a navy, and ended by warning against any attempt to reduce dissimilar factors to one common denominator—an attempt "which would be almost certain to lead to the adoption of an arbitrary ratio bearing no relation to the realities of the case." There is a lot of optimism, prevalent, however, that a satisfactory solution of the general disarmament problem is attainable, although it is clear that there has to be a lot of hard thinking and much goodwill if that attainment is to be achieved.

The Money-Makers.

The manner in which officials of Chinese Labour Unions and boycott organisations make fortunes under the pretence of patriotic activity was admirably illustrated in the news from Kiuikiang which we yesterday reprinted from a Shanghai newspaper. One instance was cited in which British goods said to have been burned by the Boycott Committee were removed and sold for the benefit of a Labour Union, the godown in which they had been stored being later set on fire as "blind." Then figures were quoted showing the huge sums which the Labour Unions have been securing from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Kiuikiang for permission to remove cargo from the British hulks, and it is stated that some of the Labour leaders have now attained undreamed-of affluence. Incidentally, the indirect association of the Nationalist Government with these Labour Unions was clearly proved by the correspondent from whom we are quoting. The main fact with which we are at the moment concerned, however, is the fresh evidence now forthcoming of how these Labour agitators reap untold wealth as a result of their association with boycott and similar movements. We all know that that was the case in the Hongkong-Canton boycott, and it is clear that it is equally true of other parts of China as well. Indeed, it is not too much to say that many Chinese have found a new and most profitable calling by associating themselves with such movements, and so long as they are allowed to exercise any influence we may expect to see continuous recurrences of boycott and similar activity. It is to the interests of these people to foment trouble, and the day may

DAY BY DAY.

THE PERSON WHO CORRUPTS THE FAITH OR TAINTS THE MORALS OF ANOTHER MAY COMMIT SUCH AN INJURY AS THE WHOLE WORLD COULD NOT COMPENSATE.—Tucker.

Some of the pupils of Miss Violet Capell have presented her with a very handsome Spanish shawl, a gift which was greatly appreciated.

The Musicals advertised for 10th March at the Helena May Institute is cancelled and will take place on 17th March instead.—Advt.

Major W. G. Olivecrona, Engineer-in-chief of the Board of Kwangtung Conservancy Works, Canton, arrived here with Mrs. Olivecrona per s.s. Paul Lecat from Sweden after a leave of about 10 months.

Another Chinese woman has been admitted into the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of drinking "Lysol." This constitutes the fifth case in police records of a would-be suicide resorting to a disinfectant as a means of doing away with herself.

Mr. K. S. Morrison, a popular officer in the Scottish Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps, returned from home by the s.s. Antenor yesterday. Other passengers included the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, Mr. A. Duncan, Mrs. Hayley Bell, Lt. Col. and Mrs. L. W. Lewer, Mr. G. F. Wheatcroft.

A fireman of s.s. Paul Beau, was invested with the King's Medal at the Legislative Council Chamber yesterday morning, for his meritorious work in connection with the boiler explosion on board that vessel last year. The investiture was private, Mr. Coyah, the Shipping Master, making the introduction.

The Messageries Maritimes s.s. Paul Lecat arrived from Europe on Wednesday afternoon, with 127 passengers, of whom eight saloon travellers were disembarking here. Among these were Mrs. C.M. Lindsay Woods, Miss Chater, Major Olivecrona and Mr. S. Teissier, attached to the French Consular Service, all from Marseilles.

The American film "Sparrows," which has been severely criticised in the Singapore press, has been temporarily banned by the censor, and was to be viewed by the Singapore Appeal Board last Thursday. The picture was criticised on the score that it was almost exclusively concerned with the ill-treatment of children.

The Coroner's inquest on the death of Mr. William Anthony Lavender, 39 years of age, an assistant in the Straits Settlements Public Works Department, stationed at Jasin, was held at Singapore last week before Mr. F. G. Bourne. Mr. Lavender was shot by an unknown person in Malacca on January 31, and died as the result of a wound in the head in the General Hospital, Singapore, on February 8. The Coroner found that deceased was shot by some person unknown and that the act which caused death was committed outside the jurisdiction of His Majesty's Coroner for the Settlement of Singapore.

Amongst the passengers departing for Home to-morrow by the P. and O. liner Mantua is Mr. P. W. Ramsay, of Taikoo Dock, who is going on leave. Mr. Ramsay is a most enthusiastic Volunteer, having been for the past two years C.Q.M.S. of the Scottish Company, and it may be recalled that Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, the Corps Commandant, recently thanked him on behalf of the Corps for his work in this connection. C.Q.M.S. Ramsay will be particularly missed on Volunteer field days. In the entering arrangements for the Halloween, St. Andrew's Ball and Burns Night celebrations, Mr. Ramsay has always taken a prominent part, and much of the success of these events has been due to his efforts. His many friends will wish him a pleasant holiday in the Old Country.

very well come when the Nationalist Government will regret that it ever gave such individuals and organisations so much rope. Meantime, the lesser lights in boycott and strike movements would do worse than ponder over the tremendous sums which their leaders make while they themselves have to be content with the smallest crumbs from the rich men's tables.

"GOOD LUCK."

REMARKABLE ESCAPE IN CAR SMASH.

Ten people had a most miraculous escape from death in a motor-car smash at the junction of Bukit Timah Road and Cavenagh Road in Singapore last week.

A Fiat car, No. S-254, owned and driven by a Chinese, Mr. Ong Poh Boon, of 137 Orchard Road, was coming along the Bukit Timah Road in the direction of Singapore, and just as it reached the cross-roads a Ford car, going towards Thompson Road, came out of Cavenagh Road. The Fiat driver applied his brakes, but was unable to stop in time, and the cars met with a terrific impact.

The Ford was turned completely over in the road, wheels in the air, and the occupants pinned underneath, while the Fiat was hurled across the road into the deep and wide drain.

The only casualty was the Ford driver, who sustained a superficial cut on the throat, and is in the General Hospital suffering from shock. None of the others were injured.

It is said that neither car-driver sounded the horn when approaching the cross-roads, and from the appearance of the vehicles, which are in a state of almost complete wreckage, both must have been travelling very fast. One wheel of the Ford is missing, the hub and a few splinters of the spokes being still attached to the axle. The windscreen of the Ford was smashed to atoms and a piece of flying glass was probably the cause of the cut on the driver's throat.

Two large cushions in the Fiat had the words "Good Luck" embroidered on them in large letters.

SHIP'S OFFICER ROBBED.

ORPHAN RECOMMENDED FOR WAIF'S CLUB.

During the absence from his cabin on board the s.s. Lok Sang, of Mr. C. Trot, the Chief Officer, a small boy entered the room and was later seen leaving with the officer's wallet in his hands. On being chased, the boy ran along the deck and jumped into the harbour. When the boy was rescued it was found that the wallet had disappeared, apparently having dropped into the harbour.

The youth, who gave his age as eleven, was charged before Mr. T. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with larceny of a wallet containing \$38 in money, two deposit receipts for \$8,000 and a master's certificate. He was also charged with stealing a stop watch and silver watch from a draw.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of theft of the wallet, but denied taking the watches. His Worship ordered the defendant to receive ten strokes of the cane and to be detained for 48 hours.

When told that the defendant was an orphan and slept in the streets, his Worship recommended the case to be sent to the Sergeant in charge of the Waifs' Club for consideration.

DUMPED BODY.

FATHER FINED \$100.

That the prosecution was taken in the interests of the public was the view expressed by Dr. Pope when he appeared, at the Central Magistracy this morning, in the case in which a Chinese was charged, on remand, with dumping the body of his infant son, who had died from small-pox.

Dr. Pope said that there had been an extraordinary number of small-pox cases which were not reported lately, and he asked for a heavy fine, as the authorities would like to impress upon the public the point that small-pox cases must be reported, otherwise they could not deal with it.

In the present case, the defendant had rendered himself liable to a summons for failure to notify the Health authorities, but Dr. Pope was not proceeding on this, and he asked for the withdrawal of this summons in view of the penalty to be inflicted on the charge of dumping.

Defendant said he was taking the remains to the Mortuary, to save funeral expenses. He was poor.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell recorded a conviction, and imposed a fine of \$100.

The Very Idea!

Two Irishmen arranged to fight a duel with pistols. One of them was very stout, and when he saw his thin adversary he raised an objection.

"Look here," he said, "I'm twice as big as he is. I ought to stand twice as far from him as he is from me."

"Be aisy, now," replied the second. "I'll soon put that right." He took a piece of chalk and drew two lines down the stout man's coat.

"Now," he said, "fire away. But remember, any hits outside the chalk lines do not count."

"I stay at home on every night,"

Is what the husband said. Don't give him too much credit, 'cause

The man was sick in bed.

When Sir Claude Alexander's cat disappeared recently from the cat show at the Crystal Palace, there was considerable stir in many quarters. Police were sent on the trail, households mourned and there was tumult and shouting on all sides. Then, lo! after many days, during an organ recital, Pussy crawled out from among the pipes of the palace's big organ.

Willesden man: He struck me on the landing—or, rather, on the top of the stairs at the back of my head.

Woman at Willesden: He was bound over a year ago, and the first thing he did when he came out of the peace was to hit me again.

Solicitor, to a lodger, at Bow County Court: You must try to restrain your wife's temper and avoid quarrels in the house. The lodger: To be candid with you, I don't like broaching the subject to her.

Nottinghamshire wife: My husband broke the Commandments, so I broke the vases.

Woman at Bangor: She was that drunk that she knocked at the theatre stage door, thinking it was my door.

I am not a showman.—Mr. A. J. Cook.

The smell of the grease paint has been as magic to me.—Constance Collier.

The reality of the spiritual world is the sheet anchor of religion.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

Singing the National Anthem or the Red Flag will not solve our difficulties.—Mr. C. T. Cramp.

Much unnecessary sarcasm has been expended on the large crowd that vainly awaited the arrival of the now famous Mrs. Christie at King's Cross.

We understand that the real motive of the mass meeting was to catch a glimpse of the woman who, according to the newspaper photographs, possessed no fewer than 17 distinct faces.

Fair one (to tourist who is shaving outside his tent)—"Do you always shave outside?"

Tourist—"Certainly! Do you think I am fur-lined?"

A selection of schoolboy "howlers" has been issued by Lyric Publications, Sussex, in booklet form. They have been compiled by Mr. Colin McIlwaine during a recent tour of a number of schools in the south of England. Here are a few:—

The sublime is a hairy deposit in a cold receptacle.

Barbarians are things put in bicycle wheels to make them run smoothly.

There are two autumns in the molecule which inhabits the bottom of rivers.

The Menni Straits are spanned by a tubular bridge.

Teacher—"How did Queen of Sheba travel when she went to see Solomon?"

No one ventured to answer. "Could she have gone by the railway?" the teacher asked.

"Yes," said one small girl.

"Indeed," inquired the teacher. "I should like to know how that could be."

"Well," responded the child, "the Bible says she came with a great train."

Yesterday's health return shows three cases of small-pox and two of typhoid. All were Chinese excepting one imported Indian case of small-pox.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

UNION INSURANCE AND CHINA FIRE.

A meeting of shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held in Union Building, Pedder Street, this morning, for the purpose of confirming a special resolution concerning various amendments and additions to the Articles of Association of the Society. Mr. J. A. Plummer presided, and the following directors were present:—The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, and Mr. W. H. Bell; also Mr. Paul Lauder, General Manager.

The following shareholders were also present:—Mr. R. A. Dastur, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. H. C. Gray, Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. J. Bentley, Mr. J. W. Alabaster, Mr. A. Sommerfeld, Mr. H. C. B. Way, Mr. B. M. C. Da Cunha, Mr. A. E. S. Alves, Mr. V. L. dos Remedios, Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro, Mr. J. Gardner, Mr. M. A. R. Souza, Mr. R. D. Read and Mr. W. F. Gardner.

After the General Manager had read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The object for which this meeting has been called is as indicated in the notice which the general manager has just read, for the purpose of confirming as a special resolution the resolution which was passed as an extraordinary resolution at the meeting held on the 15th February last. That resolution, as you will remember, concerned the approval of various amendments and additions to the Articles of Association of the Society.

You will also remember that at the above mentioned meeting I explained to you why your board of directors thought it advisable to amend and add to the Articles of Association, and I do not consider it necessary to deal further therewith, except to add that at the meeting in question the proposed amendments and additions were unanimously approved, and that a resolution recording such approval was unanimously passed as an extraordinary resolution.

Under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance, however, it is necessary that the approval of the amendments and additions to the Articles of Association shall be signified by special resolution, and consequently this meeting has been convened for the purpose of enabling the extraordinary resolution above referred to, to be confirmed as a special resolution. I accordingly beg to propose the confirmation as a special resolution of the said extraordinary resolution which has already been read to you by the general manager. I shall be glad if some shareholder will kindly second it. Mr. R. A. Dastur seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

A meeting of shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., convened for similar purpose followed, the chairman being Mr. J. A. Plummer. Directors present were the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, and Mr. W. H. Bell; also the General Manager, Mr. Paul Lauder. Shareholders present were Mr. J. C. Gray, Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. J. Bentley, Mr. J. W. Alabaster, Mr. A. Sommerfeld, Mr. H. C. B. Way, Mr. B. M. C. Da Cunha, Mr. A. E. S. Alves, Mr. V. L. dos Remedios, Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro, Mr. J. Gardner, Mr. M. A. R. Souza, Mr. R. D. Read, Mr. W. F. Gardner, Mr. S. M. Garrard, Mr. J. H. M. Andrew, Mr. C. D. Wales, Mr. E. A. Brodie, Mr. H. E. Orr, Mr. M. D. G. Hoare, Mr. A. A. Alves, and Mr. F. H. Parne.

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GOING TO IRAQ.

MR. NIHILL'S NEW POST.

After being engaged in Government service in the Colony for six years, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at present acting Puisne Judge, is leaving to take up an appointment as Legal Secretary to the High Commissioner of Iraq, which is territory mandated to the British Government under the League of Nations by the Treaty of Versailles. Mr. Nihill's new appointment practically amounts to a transfer by the Colonial Office. So far, the date of his departure has not been definitely fixed.

Mr. Nihill was born in the year 1892, and was educated at Felsted and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. At Cambridge, he took second-class honours in the Historical Tripos, Parts 1 and 2. In May, 1914, he was elected President of the Cambridge Union. On the outbreak of war in 1914, he enlisted in the Honourable Artillery Company in London and in October he obtained a commission in the Munster Fusiliers, and served with them throughout the war. On being demobilised in 1919, he joined the Ministry of Labour as an investigating officer in the joint Industrial Council's Department, and in that capacity he assisted in the formation of several Whitley Councils, in connection with the Whitley report. In 1920 he became private secretary to Sir William Edge, M.P., who was the Junior Lord of the Treasury in Mr. Lloyd George's administration, the Coalition Government. In July, 1921, he was appointed a cadet in the Hongkong Civil Service.

During his residence in Hongkong, Mr. Nihill has been Third Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and also acting Assistant Crown Solicitor. He is a Master of Arts of Cambridge and a member of the English Bar (Inner Temple). During the war he was decorated with the M.C.

On his return from leave in February last year, he was appointed Police Magistrate in Kowloon, and later became acting assistant Attorney General. Since the departure on leave of the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, he has been acting Puisne Judge, in place of Mr. Justice Wood, who is at present acting Chief Justice.

FORGED NOTE.

WOMAN GIVES MAN IN CHARGE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, a Chinese was charged with uttering a forged ten-dollar note.

Evidence heard was to the effect, that the defendant offered the note as advance deposit when he went into No. 8, Kwong Yik Street, at Kennedy Town, to hire a cubicle.

The chief tenant of the floor stated that she had misgivings as to the value of the note, owing to its peculiar colour. While engaging the man in talk, she sent the amah to get a policeman.

A representative from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank stated that he had seen a good many forged notes lately, but the one in this case was not so good a counterfeit as the previous ones, being of an odd colour. In his view, its colour alone should have been sufficient to deceive the average European or Chinese businessman.

Defendant was remanded until to-morrow to enable police to enquire into a statement which he made in defence.

Mme. Gaillard, of Lempdes (Haute-Loire), has died at the age of 108. She was in full possession of all her faculties to the end, and is believed to have been the oldest woman in France.

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FOR THE TROOPS.

MISS MOON'S FINE RECITAL.

A vocal recital of unusual excellence took place at the Helena May Institute last evening in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Fund for the entertainment of Service men who have been detailed to Hongkong in connection with the China crisis. It was given by Miss Nora Moon, an exceptionally talented soprano at present on a visit to the Colony, who had the assistance of Miss Vera Godson as violinist and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith as accompanist.

In all, Miss Moon contributed no fewer than eleven numbers to the programme, these comprising some of the best-known operatic gems and a varied group of songs. She was brilliant in each and every item and showed herself to be a most versatile and accomplished artist. Whether in gay and lightsome themes or in more sombre compositions, she more than sang her songs—she lived them. If our memory does not fail us, Miss Moon was heard some years ago in Hongkong with Mr. Humphrey Bishop's talented company, and assuming that to be correct, it can be said that she has greatly matured in the meantime and has improved beyond all recognition. She has a voice of remarkable purity, great flexibility, and wide range, with the capacity of adapting her talent in a most impressive manner to the theme in hand.

The aria, "Ritorna Vincitor," from Aida, was Miss Moon's first number, and this was so interpreted as to win her instant commendation. Then in succession came Alimi's Aria from "La Boheme," Butterfly's Aria from "Madame Butterfly," and the Jewel Song from "Fosca"—the mere mention of which suffices to indicate her astounding versatility. These were all finely rendered, the "Butterfly" number being one of the finest bits of operatic singing we have heard for a very long time. For this she was deservedly encored and gave equal delight with Musetta's Aria from "La Boheme." The Jewel Song, beautifully sung, also called for a re-appearance—a very charming little fairy story from the Russian.

Finally, Miss Moon gave a group of five bracketed songs—each a perfect study, amongst which Sibyllus' "Black Roses" stood out as a particularly striking example of the artist's depth of understanding of her art. Extremely dainty also were the two songs specially composed for and dedicated to Miss Moon by her brother, who is well-known in the musical world at home.

Miss Godson's violin solos were played with much taste, whilst Mr. Bowes-Smith's accompaniments left nothing to be desired. At the conclusion of the recital, Mr. T. G. Weall, as one of the Directors of the Y.M.C.A., thanked the artistes for their services, making mention of the fact that Miss Moon's wish was that the whole of the proceeds (about \$400) should go to the Fund for Service men, to which it was the first contribution.

INDIAN RIOT.

A SMALLER CASUALTY LIST.

Calcutta, March 3. The earliest estimates of the casualties in yesterday's rioting at Ponabalia have been minimised in the official report, which states that 12 Mohammedans were killed and seven wounded.

There were no casualties among the police or Hindus.—*Reuter.*

Religious Leader Arrested.

The Mohammedan religious leader who is alleged to have instigated the mob at Ponabalia has been arrested, and any assembly of over five persons has been prohibited at Ponabalia.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR TOUT.

CAUGHT EARLY IN MORNING.

Charged with toutting for the hire of his car, a Chinese was fined \$5, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

The evidence given by an Indian constable, was that the defendant was seen, at one o'clock this morning, to divert a party of Chinese to his car, whereas their intention had been to hire a taxi.

It was stated that motor business at West Point was such that there was a great deal of this price-cutting competition.



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EURASIAN BANISHEE.

RETURNS AFTER BEING DEPORTED.

John Mathias, an Eurasian, who was sentenced last year in connection with thefts of records from various musical shops in town, and was expelled in November on completion of his prison term, was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court to-day, with returning to the Colony before the period of his banishment had expired.

It was stated that on the 4th November last, defendant was deported for a term of 10 years, and, on returning, was arrested yesterday.

Defendant was remanded until to-morrow on a police application.

A BLOW AT H. C. L.

TREATING RICE TO MAKE MORE "FILLING."

Following is an extract from a Szechuan missionary's letter to a friend in Shanghai:—

The people here have found that by steaming their rice before hulling it makes more pints of hulled rice than is the case when it is hulled without steaming and furthermore it holds off hunger longer when cooked in its way. It works out about as follows:—

Ten bushel of unhulled rice gives about four bushel and eight or nine pints if hulled raw. The same amount gives a good five bushel if hulled after steaming and drying. The treated rice also expands more than the raw in the final cooking preparatory to being brought to the table for consumption. And it takes fewer bowls of the treated rice to give a sensation of fullness to the stomach of the eater than it does of the untreated. And finally hunger recurs after a considerably longer interval (say an hour or more) after eating the treated rice than after eating the untreated. To my taste the treated rice tastes, if anything, better than the untreated. If done well it has a slight nutty flavour that is quite pleasing to the palate. The treated rice sells for a thousand cash less a bushel than does the untreated so you see we have here learned to hit old H.C.L. a blow right in the eye and get real pleasure out of the whole process. This treated rice is called *Ho mi* as opposed to *Hsten mi* which is the name for the untreated.

DAY BY DAY.

About 100 passengers were captured, with a considerable loss of jewelry, clothing and other valuables, through the piracy of the Canton-Tungku ferry boat, on Monday last at about noon, during the voyage to Tungku says the *Canton Gazette*. A gunboat has been sent after the pirates.

Amongst the passengers who are on board the N.Y.K. Katori Maru on his way back to Japan, is the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Eliot, G.C.M.G. who has had a distinguished career. He was British Ambassador to Japan from 1919 to 1925 and principal of the University of Hongkong in 1912.

An enquiry was held by Major Willson yesterday into the death of a Chinese girl who was knocked down and killed by a motor car. It was proved by the evidence that the car was going slowly and that the driver sounded his horn. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and exonerated the driver from all blame.

Undaunted by the sudden appearance of a robber holding up a large chopper on the landing of the floor on which she resided, a Chinese woman living at No. 15, Lyndhurst Terrace shouted "Robber!" whereupon the man took flight and bolted down the staircase. The affair which occurred this morning occasioned the usual sounding of police-whistles, but the man made good his escape.

The Chinese who was remanded yesterday, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, on charge of posing as a telephone workman and endeavouring to levy a charge on a shopkeeper at Bonham Strand for "repair work" effected to an instrument, was convicted, at the conclusion of the case at the Central Magistracy this morning, when sentences aggregating ten weeks' hard labour were inflicted.

Because it was found that the tickets were in connection with a lottery which had already been drawn, a Chinese was to-day acquitted after being charged with possession of *po pin* tickets. Defendant, who appeared before Major C. Willson, stated that he retained the tickets because he had not known the results of the draw.

A British Wireless message announces that it is understood that Mr. O'Malley, who has been conducting negotiations with Eugene Chen, is returning to Peking to resume his duties at the British Legation there. The Chinese Secretary of the Legation, who accompanied Mr. O'Malley to Hankow, will remain in order to elaborate the details of the agreement.

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DIAMOND RING CASE.

SENTENCED OF THREE MONTHS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday afternoon with conversion of a diamond ring, the property of the chauffeur of Mr. R. J. Paterson.

Mr. J. S. Hugh Jones prosecuted, while Mr. C.A.S. Russ defended.

The complainant's story was that at a meeting in a Chinese teahouse he handed a diamond ring to the defendant on the latter intimating that his wife wanted to buy one. It was agreed that the defendant was to take the ring home to show to his wife, and if she approved of it the sum of \$200 was to be handed over the next day. Otherwise the ring was to be returned. As neither money nor ring was forthcoming the next day the complainant asked the defendant, whom he met by chance, what he intended to do about it, and was informed that the ring would be returned later. Thus he was put off on several occasions until on January 11 defendant told him that he had pawned the ring for \$50. Complainant asked him to redeem the ring at once and return it, but nothing of the sort was done.

Popped Again.

On the 18th he again met defendant, who told him that he had redeemed the ring but had to repawn it to meet some urgent expenses. The complainant then caused defendant to be arrested.

Several witnesses were called to substantiate the plaintiff's story, one of whom said that he pawned the ring for the defendant while the defendant himself waited outside. The reason why defendant did this because he was dressed in European clothing and did not want to be seen in a pawnshop. Mr. Russ asked if that was not a peculiar excuse, whereupon his Worship interposed and asked Mr. Russ if he would like to be seen in a pawnshop in morning coat and top hat. Mr. Russ replied that he would not be seen in a morning coat and top hat under any circumstances.

Denial.

The defendant said that he did not take the ring from the complainant at all. He lost \$9.50 at a mah jong party at the complainant's house, and being unable to pay the complainant offered to pawn the ring and lend him the proceeds in order to enable him to pay. He admitted owing the complainant \$95.

Mr. Russ suggested that the complainant was taking a criminal action to recover a civil debt. The complainant was probably doing this because he knew the defendant had no money but that his relations in Singapore were well off.

His Worship said he preferred to believe the story of the prosecution and sentenced the defendant to three months hard labour.

Previous to hearing the case Mr. Lindell pointed out to Mr. Russ that he was shown an article in a Chinese newspaper which described the defendant as a very bad character. It was the Crown Solicitor who first drew his attention to this article, and there might be proceedings taken against this paper for contempt of court. He asked Mr. Russ if the case would be better handled if tried in another court. Mr. Russ replied that he had known his Worship long enough to say that a newspaper article would not make any difference to his Worship's decision.

FRENCH DEBTS.

M. BRIAND'S REPORT ON AGREEMENT.

Paris, March 3.

Supplementing his previous statements, M. Poincare made a detailed verbal report before the Finance Committee of the Chamber on the agreement with Britain concerning provisional payments of the war debt.

The proposal of the Socialist, M. Vincent Auriol for a debate in the Chamber on the agreement was defeated by a vote of 11 to 9 conformably with M. Poincare's demand.—Havas.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore giving the following quotations:

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Malaka Pindas	2.70
Malakoffs	4.80
New Serendibs	5.20
Pajamas	2.90
Sandycofts	3.15

The following dividends have been declared, viz.—Ulu Benut, 12½% Final; Perak Rivers, 10% Interim.

THE SHRINKING WORLD.

CONTINENTS WILL BECOME SUBURBS.

Every year the world seems to contract in size. Explorers are unveiling its last mysteries and science is conquering space in a manner so startling as to make prophecy itself idle, writers John Blunt, in the Daily Mail.

One knows how quickly a huge building sometimes springs up once the elaborate process of digging out and laying the foundations has been completed. Well, within the last few years scientists have, as it were, mastered the fundamental problems of over-coming distance, and every day now the results are becoming evident to all mankind.

Already we can talk to people thousands of miles away as though they were in the next room, already television is a practical accomplishment and will soon, in all probability, be a commonplace, already we can cover vast distances in a few days that only a short time since took weeks to traverse.

The Order of the Day.

And the strange thing is that even the most conservative people accept these marvels as a matter of course. We live in an age when scientific progress is taken for granted and when new inventions are the order of the day. Human nature has, in short, attuned itself to wonders.

The spirit of science is in the air. Senseless experiments are taking place and the world is full of eager investigators, who are constantly improving apparatus and opening new possibilities before our eyes. A generation brought up, so to speak, on science, is at work around us and the pace of discovery accelerates from month to month.

What then does the future hold for us? In my mind's eye I see the world, 50 years from now, no bigger from the point of view of hours than England is to-day. And it will bring blessings in its train. The feeling of homesickness and exile will be abolished and people will be returning home for week-ends from the uttermost parts of the earth.

Only Family.

And with the elimination of distance, both actual through speed and theoretical through the various wireless devices, surely the misunderstandings of nations should largely vanish. The world will be, in truth, one family, and nations will come to understand each other's problems and difficulties as never before.

It is, indeed, pessimistic to argue, as so many people do, that the conquering of space adds little to the sum of human happiness. Anything which advances knowledge is a step forward for humanity, and, wisely used, should serve as another bond between man and man.

Ignorance is a great breeder of strife. The savage distrusts a person from another village, the civilised man distrusts a person from another country. But if distance ceases to be a barrier, the evil effects of ignorance would lose much of their power.

DEAN INGE ON HIS INCOME.

HIS DEANERY "WORTH ONLY £1,500 A YEAR."

Poverty was one of the reasons pleaded by Dean Inge recently in defence of his writing for the Press.

He spoke as the guest, at lunch of the Society of Women Journalists at a Soho restaurant, and admitted that when he first began to write for newspapers, a bishop told him he was making a mistake in sacrificing his dignity.

The Dean said he did not see any great distinction between writing for newspapers, which were read by all classes, and preaching to a similar audience from the pulpit or platform.

He had been called a blackleg who was taking the bread out of the mouths of worthy people who lived by their pens, and other people complained that as he was a rich man already he ought not to want to make money in that way.

As to the charge of being rich his deanery was only worth £1,500 a year, and his four children cost £1,000 a year to educate.

That did not leave much to keep up a house with 30 rooms and exercise the hospitality expected of him.

His experience in journalism—and he had been more abused than

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Lincoln from San Francisco, via ports, March 3.—Mr. Ching Ship Hain, Mrs. Chow Shu Fan, Master Chen Chan, Mr. Chan Kan Fu, Mr. H. J. Eddo, Mrs. Linda Fletcher, Mr. Fung Kai Hing, Mr. Eugene Hamman, Mr. Samuel J. Hicks, Mrs. H. D. Hillard, Master E. M. Hillard, Miss Jacqueline Hillard, Mr. F. Kit Hing, Mr. Hau Yin Ying, Mr. Kwok Faong Yue, Mr. King Teh Yuen, Mr. Ko Leong Hoe, Mr. Kwok Sin Lau, Mr. James W. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Lockwood, Miss Marion Lockwood, Master Richard Lockwood, Mr. Lo Kan, Miss Veronica Leonard, Mr. Eric Moller, Mr. Fred C. Minchin, Mr. Thomas J. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Sundstrom, Mr. Montague W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. L. Steiner, Miss E. Anita Thomas, Mr. Max Volkart, Mr. Wu Shut Hung.

Per s.s. Paul Leont from Europe via ports, March 2.—Mme. C. M. Lindsay Woods, Melle. Chater, Major Olivecrona, Melle. Richardson, Melle. M. del Grimo, Melle. Margarita Vota de Soriano, Melle. Antonia Goni Y. Azana, Mr. Soulange Teissier, Mme. Haigh, Mr. J. K. Gwinell, Mr. Tatus Toda, Mr. Lee Chung Yao, Melle. Pibar Idia Zabal, Mr. Pirovano, Mr. Tenn Ban, Mr. Duong Fok Quoon, Mr. Phung Thien Boi, Mr. Ly Phat Tin, Cheong Ching Ping.

Per s.s. Antenor from United Kingdom, March 3.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adams, Master W. L. Adams, Mrs. Baskett, Miss E. R. H. Baskett, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. R. C. Capt. and Mrs. Croft, Master H. T. Croft, Miss S. H. Croft, Mr. A. Dungan, Mr. A. D. Goodlife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffin, Miss D. B. Griffin, Mrs. Hayley Bell, Miss E. M. Homes, Lt. Col. and Mrs. L. M. Lower, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. W. Mackenzie, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mrs. Sheel, Miss L. C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mr. H. B. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shackleton, Master J. F. W. Shackleton, Master J. E. Shackleton, Master P. Shackleton, Mr. D. H. Banner, Mr. R. Bloor, Mr. E. P. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Buchanan, Miss E. R. Campbell, Mr. J. N. Cunningham, Mr. D. D. Dryden, Mrs. P. Jones, Master P. A. C. Jones, Mr. J. Law, Mr. G. M. Lee, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Martin, Miss W. Martin, Mr. H. L. Molyneux, Mr. J. C. Parkin, Miss P. M. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogers, Miss E. Rogers, Miss S. Rogers, Miss E. Rogers, Mrs. Springfield, Miss P. L. Webb, Mr. G. F. Wheatcroft, Mrs. Wheen, Mr. A. Wood.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. President Lincoln for Manila, March 3.—Miss Antonia Alaming, Mr. Edwin Carr, Mrs. Mary Wright Cabb, Mr. Francisco Corrales, Mrs. Verna Dyson, Miss Carolyn Dyson, Mr. Carl Elkus, Mr. Wm. S. Fiches, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Fox, Mr. Robert L. Fox, Mr. Pedro Francisco, Mr. Herbert W. Gerber, Mr. F. F. Chass, Mr. Franz Halbekann, Mrs. Arthur Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Whipple S. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Birley N. Hudson, Miss Marian N. Hudson, Mrs. Euna Jennings, Captain Park Kesavani, Miss Alice R. Kingsbury, Mr. Hans H. Koeppe, Mrs. Eva Lessner, Miss Edith Lessner, Miss Rachel Lessner, Miss Kathleen Macgregor Davis, Mr. F. Richard Miller, Mrs. Mary S. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. McBurney, Mr. Andrew J. Okis, Mr. John G. Owsley, Mr. Cornelius M. Peterson, Mr. Qua Chi Hay, Mrs. Qua Bing, Master Qu Chee Gan, Miss Qua Kuy Ching, Mr. Hallet R. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Ross, Capt. Sir George Suto, Mr. Lee Tock Chai, Mrs. George L. Shooks, Mr. Edward M. Shelton, Jr., Mrs. Emily T. Shelton, Miss Mary Ellen Shelton, Mr. Immon Sexton, Mr. Clarence T. Stark, Miss Matilda M. Thuman, Mr. Morris Victor, Miss Gerda P. Wittman, Miss Helen R. Winnans, Miss Wong Bee Hlane, Miss Emma Zangor, Mr. H. L. Schultz, Mr. Nai Soti Jotikashira, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scudder, Miss Catherine Scudder, Miss Grace Channon, Mr. E. H. Munson, Mr. J. K. Winnell, Mr. John R. Schultz, Mr. Tan Ting Bing, Mr. M. R. Bourne, Mr. Yves Henry, Mrs. M. R. De Sorin, Miss M. De C. Soriano, Miss Antonil Goni, Miss P. Adcazabal, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Marquard, Prof. M. O. Hudson, Mr. P. Montegale.

Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

ANOTHER LADIES' NIGHT YESTERDAY.

Another successful Ladies' Night was held at the European Y.M.C.A. the popularity of these monthly functions again being demonstrated. There was a large number of guests, and after dinner an excellent musical programme was provided by Mrs. Glen, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. C. W. Baldwin, Mr. R. Baldwin, Eng. Lt. Com. A. S. Bedells, Mr. W. F. White, Mr. C. D. Lake and the Ubique orchestra.

Another debate will be held at the Y. M. C. A. next Thursday evening when the following motion will be moved "It is the opinion of this meeting that a man's own powers play a greater part than chance in achieving success."

Dr. E. R. Ashton and Mr. A. May will be for the affirmative and Mr. T. J. Price and Mr. A. A. Dand for the negative.

most people—was that the worst offenders in this respect were the religious newspapers.

He did not mind being occasionally trounced by the Socialists—after all he had expressed himself pretty freely about them—but for sheer malice and misrepresentation the Anglo-Catholic papers took the cake. (Laughter.)



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FEW SOCCER MATCHES.

THE STRUGGLE FOR SECOND PLACE.

POPULAR PLAYER LEAVING.

[By "Wanderer".]

The Hongkong Football League programme for to-morrow has been cancelled on account of the races, and the only soccer to be played will take place on the Soekunpoo and Kowloon grounds.

Four matches are down for decision as follows:

Division I.

South China v. R.A.—Soekunpoo, 4.30 p.m.

Junior Division "A."

R.A. Res. v. Recreio.—Soekunpoo "B," 3 p.m.

Kowloon v. K.O.S.B.—Kowloon, 3 p.m.

Junior Shield, 2nd round.

St. Joseph's "B" v. Chinese Athletic "A"—Soekunpoo, 4.30 p.m.

South China Forlorn.

The extraordinary feature of Hongkong's senior League is that although the season is practically over, the six teams between the Recreio, at the head of affairs, and South China, the wooden-spoonists, are all in a position whereby they can obtain the runners-up medals. The deletion from the table of H.M.S. Tamar's record brings the Police into third place since they were the only side of the leaders which had failed to defeat the naval side.

Kowloon have to play the Club in their last match of the season; the Club meet South China, Chinese Athletic and Kowloon; the Police have the K.O.S.B. and the Recreio as their remaining fixtures; Chinese Athletic meet the Club and the Club de Recreio, while the remaining fixtures of the R.A. are South China and the Recreio.

The position is remarkably open, Chinese Athletic having the most favourable prospects.

The Royal Artillery meet South China to-morrow and with Leach to put on goals, they should win comfortably.

The R.A. Reserves and the K.O.S.B. Reserves are expected to win their league fixtures, while Chinese Athletic "A" should experience little difficulty in outwitting St. Joseph's Reserves from the Junior Shield competition.

Popular Player Leaving.

One of the Colony's best-known and most popular players in the person of Frank Wheeler, Kowloon's right back, leaves for home to-morrow by the Mantua, and his familiar figure will be missed both on and off the field.

Apart from his prowess on the field of play and he has represented Hongkong in Interport matches, Mr. Wheeler has been the moving spirit in Kowloon's rapid advancement during the past five or six seasons. As secretary and player he has seen the Kowloon F.C. go ahead from junior football to the foremost place in senior football, crowned last season by the winning of both the Senior League and Senior Shield, and from a match clubhouse to its present well-equipped pavilion.

Mr. Wheeler's activities have not been confined to his Club. He has been closely associated with the H.K.F.A. and H.K.F.L. affairs, has sat on both councils, and has proved himself as good a legislator as he is a player and sportsman.

There is to be a farewell ceremony at the Kowloon Football Club this evening.

The Local League Tables.

The local league tables, up to and including last week's matches, and with the Tamar's record deleted, follow:

Senior Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio	11	8	2	1	33	15	18
Kowloon	13	6	2	5	23	14	14
Police	12	6	2	4	11	12	14
Chinese A.	12	6	4	3	18	22	14
K.O.S.B.	13	6	1	6	20	19	13
R.A.	12	5	2	5	18	18	12
Club	11	5	1	5	13	15	11
S.C.	12	1	0	11	6	26	2

Junior Division "A."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	13	12	1	0	50	12	26
C. "A."	14	8	2	4	31	21	18

LOCAL RUGBY.

NARROW WIN FOR CLUB.

The Hongkong Rugby Club met a team representing the Engine Room Artificers of the Fleet at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, a very even game ending in a win for the former by 12 points to 11.

The teams were as under:
Club: Armstrong, Pritchard, Bowker, Lloyd, Lammert, King, Wales, Miller, Foster, Lithgow Smith, Middleton Smith, Garrard, Lee, Williams, Beveridge.

E. B. A.: Reppington, Rothwell, Archib, Gales, and Kibblewhite; Northwood and Duckworth; Davies, McTaggart, Macdonald, M.H. Stohart, Hathaway, Evans, and Billings.

The ground was in a very slippery state, but the utmost keenness was shown by both sides. The scorers were Rothwell (2) and Evans (1) for the Navy, whilst Lammert scored all the Club's tries.

Devons To Play To-morrow.

The Hongkong Football Club will play the 1st Batt. Devonshire Regiment at Happy Valley to-morrow at 5.15 sharp. The Club team will be: Armstrong, Pritchard, Bowker, Lloyd, Lammert, Wales, King (for Stephenson); Miller, Foster, Garrard, Middleton Smith, Lithgow Smith, Mackintyre, Lee, and Ackhurst. Referee: Mr. S. J. Jordan.

HOME FOOTBALL.

A SOUTHERN RESULT.

London, Mar. 3.
Playing in the third Division (South) of the English League (Charlton and Luton drew, two goals all—*Reuter*).

OUT FOR RECORD.

ATTEMPT TO MAKE 200 MILES AN HOUR.

London, March 3.
Major Seagrave, who is to attempt to reach the speed of 200 miles an hour in his 1,000 h.p. Sunbeam racing car, is on his way to the United States accompanied by mechanics.

The attempt will be made on the Florida Strands and tests may begin on March 19. Major Seagrave is convinced he can beat the existing world speed record for motor cars, but it is desired to know whether anything can travel faster than 180 miles per hour on land.

It is calculated that the two 500 h.p. engines with which his car is fitted will propel it at a speed of 96 miles per hour in the first gear, 156 miles per hour in the second and 212 miles per hour in top.

The car will consume a gallon of petrol per mile and the wind resistance at 200 miles per hour will be 1,000 pounds on the front of the vehicle. The car is described as the most powerful and scientifically perfect that has ever been built. —*British Wireless*.

CRICKET.

The following have been chosen to represent the Combined Schools' XI v. Dr. Ponsonby's XI on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. sharp, on the University ground at Pokfulam: J. L. Young, Saye (Capt.), D. J. Anderson, A. Lee, R. Gerrard, N. Mackay, A. Clarke, F. R. Zimmerman, W. H. Kwan, (Diocesan Boys' School), D. Kelly, S. H. Nider, G. Carr, (Central British School), A. Hunt, J. Hunt, A. M. Ramjahn, (Queen's College), A. Dannenburg and Gosano (St. Joseph's College).

	R.A.	13	8	1	4	27	12	17
St. Josephs	14	11	2	1	47	15	24	
Moslems	14	12	0	2	36	9	24	
C. "A."	13	0	2	5	15	14	14	
Boy Scouts	13	0	1	6	20	30	13	
C. "B"	13	4	0	9	19	24	8	
Kowloon	11	2	1	8	15	29	5	
S.C.	12	2	0	10	6	37	4	
C. "B"	14	0	0	14	8	56	0	

Junior Division "B."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. Josephs	14	11	2	1	47	15	24
Moslems	14	12	0	2	36	9	24
C. "A"	13	0	2	5	15	14	14
Boy Scouts	13	0	1	6	20	30	13
C. "B"	13	4	0	9	19	24	8
Kowloon	11	2	1	8	15	29	5
S.C.	12	2	0	10	6	37	4

The following has been selected to represent Kowloon Reserves: Duncan; Brown and Knight; Bliss, Earle and Hedley; Pyle, Vicars, Miles, Coates and Eastman.

MARATHON RACE.

RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

A record number of entries has been received for the annual Kowloon Marathon Race which will take place next Monday. Out of the ninety entries, the majority are from the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and from H. M. warships. Apart from service men there are only two entrants, Mr. Middleton Smith and Mr. Charles Figueroa.

In view of the large number of entries the Committee has decided to put up two more souvenir prizes for those taking the third and fourth places. Competitors are asked to be present at St. Andrew's Church Hall by four o'clock on Monday afternoon so that the Committee can allot numbers.

The following are the officials appointed to take charge of the race. Judges: The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Mr. W. W. Rogers, and Mr. P. Sands. Starter: Mr. W. S. Bailey. Time-keepers: A. F. Row, B.A., F. Nichols, R. and J. Pakwin, and J. H. Hunt O.B.E.

Mr. Frank N. W. Doodha is Secretary.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders, issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., state:

Artillery Company.

City and Taikeo Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th March. Lecture will be given by Lieut. G. H. Shorne-Stanley, R.A.

Transport for Taikeo Section will be at Taikeo Dock, East Gate, at 4.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th March.

Musketry.

Owing to Stonecutters Range not being available and the Peak Range not running on Sunday forenoon there will be no musketry on Sunday, 6th March.

No 1 Platoon under 2/Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes will fire on the Peak Range on Sunday, 13th March.

Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies.

Musketry Part I will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 13th March.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

As a large number of men were inefficient last season in musketry, it is strongly urged that as many as possible will avail themselves of the Classes arranged for instruction in musketry as detailed below:

The Musketry Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at Kennedy Road Range and at the

Dress: Rifles, bayonets, bandoliers and belts.

Individual instruction at Kennedy Road Range will be given to Recruits who must keep these dates open, viz. Monday 7th and Thursday, 10th March.

Machine Gunners. Coaching for the Machine Gun Competition will be given by Sergt. Henderson on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters.

All members of the M. I. and A. C. Companies are requested to do their utmost to turn up for the shoot at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 13th March. Details as to time, dress etc., will be issued later.

The following prizes will be shot for:

1. Highest Aggregate.
2. Score showing most improvement over last year.

3. Highest aggregate made by a member of the M.I.

4. Highest aggregate made by a member of the Mobile Column.

5. Highest aggregate made by a Machine Gunner.

6. Highest aggregate made at Grouping and 500 yards application.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 111 Pte. A. W. Hay-Ede, M.I. Company; No. 114 Pte. V. T. Low, A.C. Company; No. 114 Pte. M.A. Baptista, No. 1. Platoon; No. 114 Pte. J. R. Soares, No. 4. Platoon; No. 114 Pte. C. A. Roberts, No. 1. Platoon; No. 114 Pte. S. O. Gregory, No. 2. Platoon; No. 117 Pte. G. B. Labrum, A. C. Company.

Long Service Medal.

His Excellency the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to the under-mentioned as from 21st February, 1927.

No. 14 Pte. J. A. E. Bullock, L.S.O., M.B.E., D.C.M., Reserve Co., No. 26 Pte. J. L. McPherson, Reserve Scottish Seaforth Highlanders.

Transfers.

No. 566 Pte. J. R. Collis is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to No. 1. Platoon (Infantry Company), as from 4th March, 1927.

No. 1074 Pte. A. T. Hunter is transferred from Armoured Car Company to Mounted Infantry Company, as from 4th March, 1927.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—No. 355 Sergt. A. W. Brown, No. 7. Platoon from 1.3.27 to 28. No. 604 Pte. G. R. A. V. G. Company from 1.3.27 to 31.3.27; No. 58 Spr. R. R. Wood, Engineer Co., from 1.3.27 to 30.9.27; No. 645 G. D. Peoples, Artillery Co., from 1.3.27 to 31.12.27; No. 689 Pte. W. M. Johnston, Reserve Scottish Section from 1.3.27 to 31.12.27.

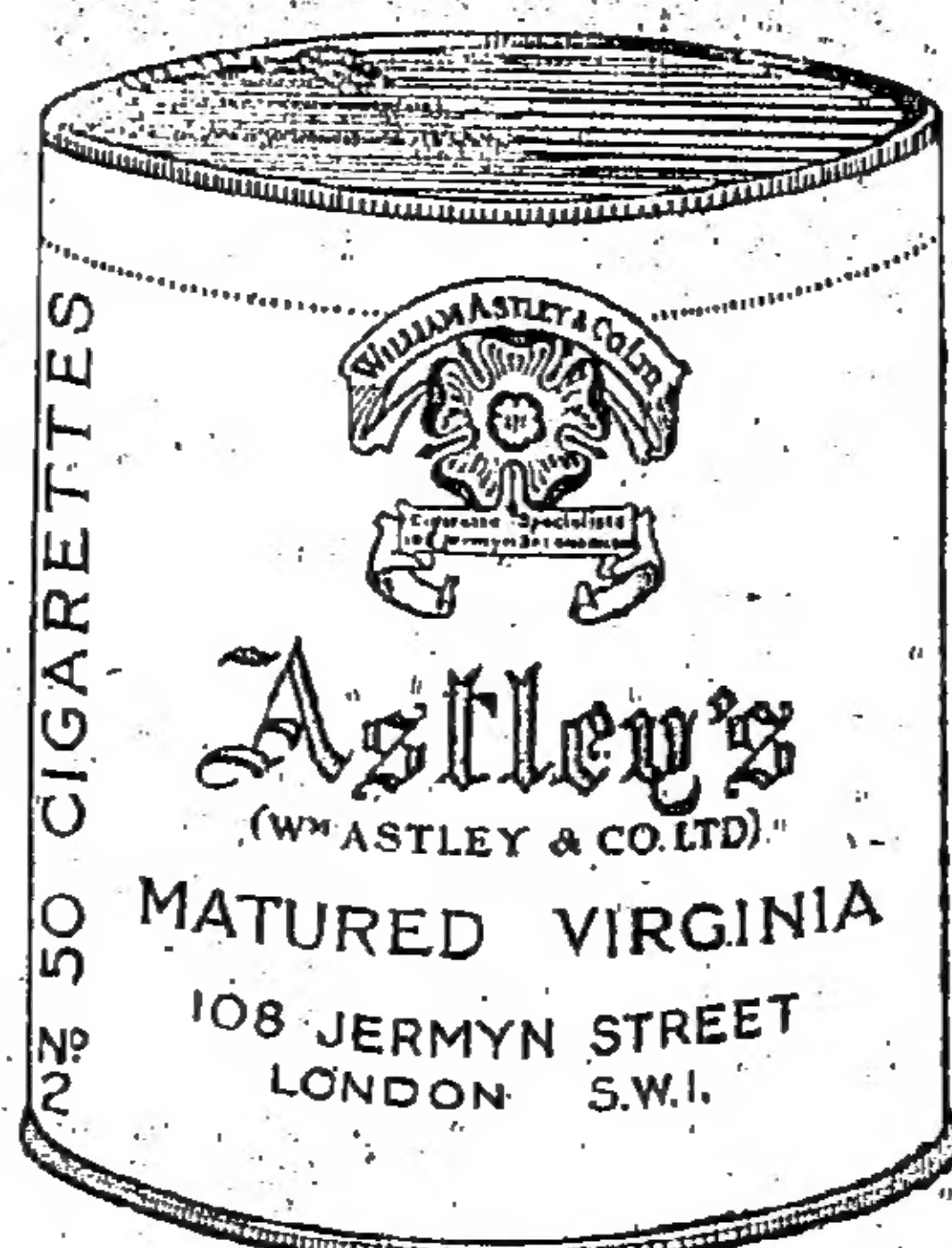
Resignation.

No. 1036 Pte. R. W. Barnett, Armoured Car Company is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 14.2.27, on payment of the sum of \$60, in accordance with the volunteer Ordinance, 1920, Part I, Para. 6, Section 3.

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TENNIS.

U. S. R. C. FINALS.

The annual tennis tournaments of the United Services Recreation Club were brought to a very successful conclusion yesterday afternoon when the various finals were played. After the matches, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. C. C. Lund.

The most interesting event was the open championship singles for ladies, for which the finalists were Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Robinson, who met in the final of the Ladies Recreation Club recently, when the former won the Championship of the Colony.

Mrs. Tottenham, the more experienced of the two players, repeated her previous performance but not until she had lost the first set to her opponent, who possessed as great a repertoire of strokes as the victor. The game was very fast for ladies and some very good shots were seen, especially by Miss Robinson, who brought off some wonderful cross court drives.

She, however, lacked the stamina of her opponent and was invariably beaten in the long rallies. After taking the first set at 6-4, Miss Robinson failed to get another game in the second set which she lost after a very hard struggle.

It was evident that her opponent possessed better staying powers and although some of her shots still retained the sting she was able to put into them at the commencement she lost the second set 6-3.

In the mixed doubles Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham had little difficulty in accounting for Mr. Raworth and Miss Robinson, while Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Grimble beat Mrs. Miles and Miss Robinson in the final of the Ladies' Doubles earlier in the day.

The full results were:

Ladies' Singles.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Robinson, 4-0, 6-0, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.—Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham beat Mr. Raworth and Miss Robinson, 6-4, 6-4.

Ladies' Doubles.—Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Grimble beat Mrs. Miles and Miss Robinson, 6-7, 9-7, 6-3.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—Mrs. Miles beat Miss Tyrwhitt, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Men's Doubles (Semi-Final).—Rev. Alexander and Major Stevenson beat Lieut. Spurkes and Lieut. Brewster, 6-2, 9-7.

The finals of the ladies' doubles handicap was commenced but was abandoned on account of the rain.

Opening of H.K.C.C. Tournament.

The annual tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club was due to start yesterday, when four matches were down to be played in the Open Championship Singles. The ground was very soft and although a start was made in two of the matches, it was found impossible to continue. In the one, E. C. Fincher and M. K. Lo were a set all, when it was decided to discontinue the play in the Hung Hui-chien beat F. H. Grosz in the first set 6-3 and was leading two games to love in the second, at which

stage, owing to the condition of the balls and run-out from the soft ground, it was decided to give up. The other two matches were not started.

To-day's Matches.

The matches for to-day in the open championship singles are as follows: D. S. Green v. F. A. Redmond, N. Trumbick v. E. Jacobs-Larcomb, F. R. Remedios v. W. J. Howard, Lau Man-kuong v. H. R. Edwards.

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"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The Hongkong Telegraph offers a prize of \$25 to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts (provided that number is eight or more) of the English and Scottish Cup and League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 5th) set out in the coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws. All entries must reach this office not later than noon on Saturday, March 5th.

The competition is run in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks ended October 9th and 16th, 1925.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 5th:—

ENGLISH CUP.

Chelsea v. Cardiff.
Arsenal v. Wolves.
Swansea v. Reading.
Millwall v. Southampton.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Falkirk v. Rangers.
Bo'ness v. Celtic.
Partick v. Dundee U.
Arthurlie v. East Fife.

ENGLISH LEAGUE (DIV. I).

Aston Villa v. Sunderland.
Derby C. v. Birmingham.

DIVISION II.

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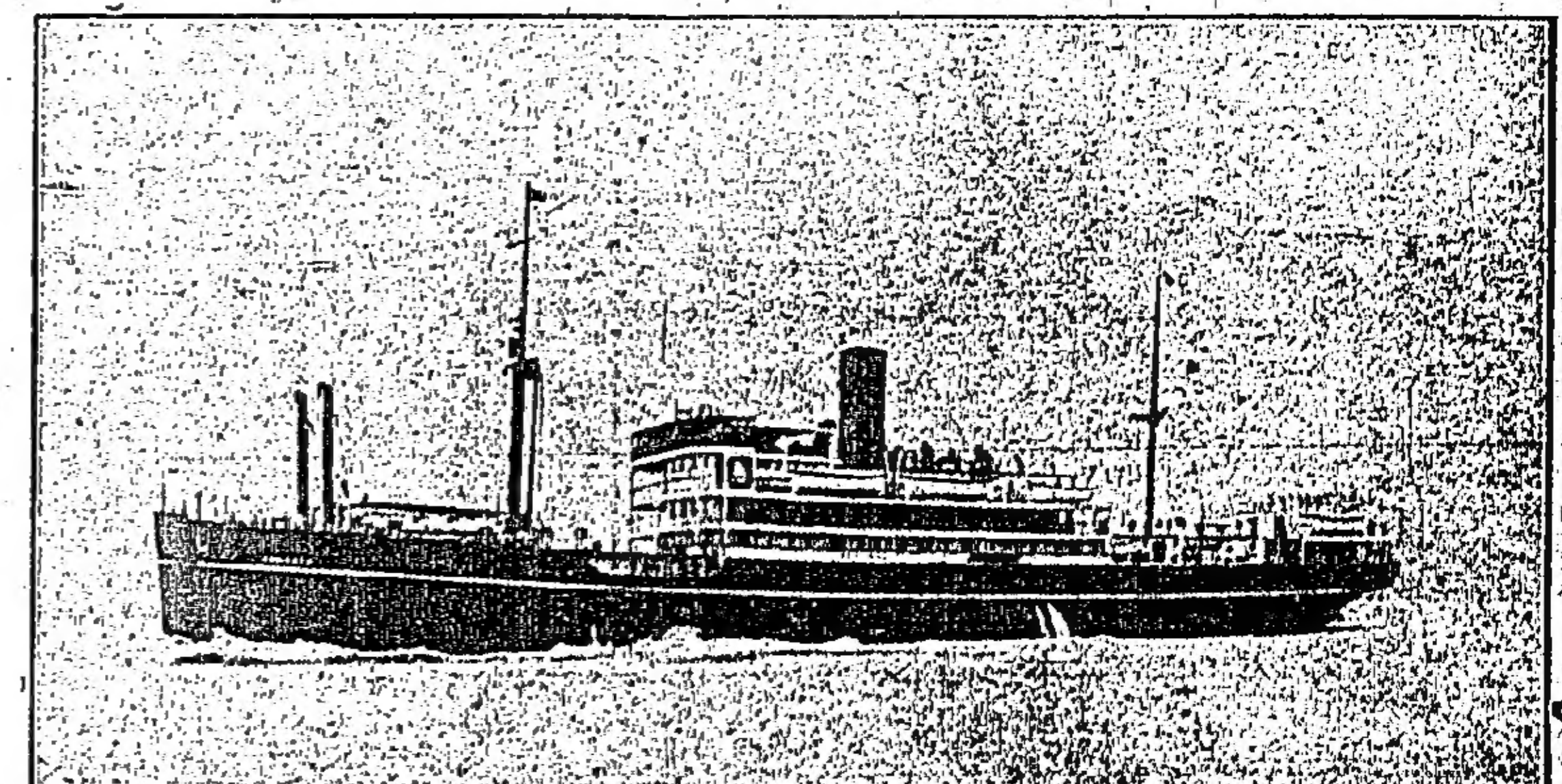
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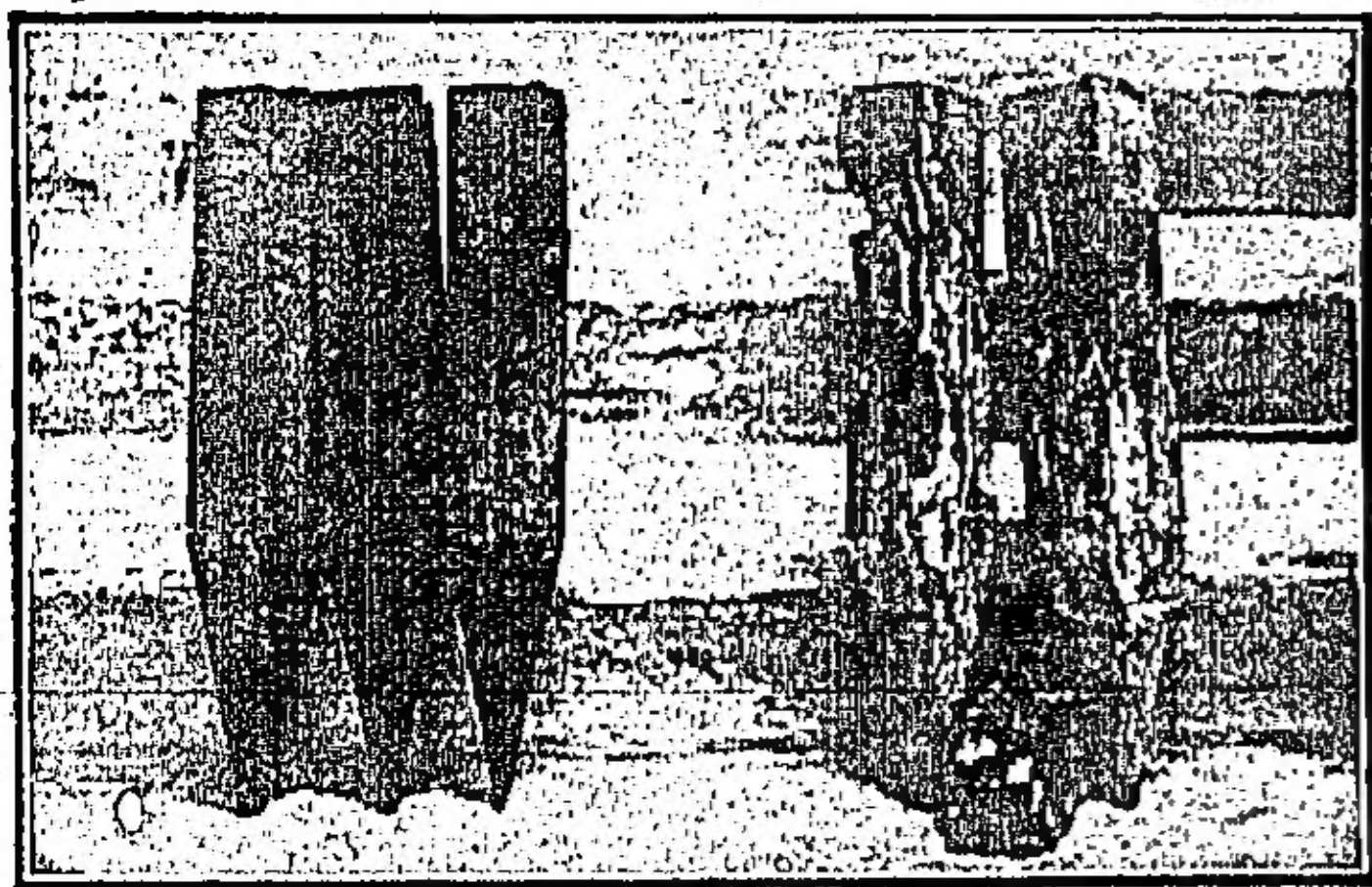
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SOVIET'S LAPSE.

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tween them and their neighbours would be welcome to the British Government, for any improvement in their relations served the policy of the British Government which was a policy of peace. Everybody knew that Soviet Russia did her best to prevent the Treaty of Locarno from being signed and to persuade Germany not to resume friendly relations with her western or eastern neighbours, and that they did their utmost to persuade Germany not to come into the League of Nations but to remain outside with Soviet Russia. "You cannot have, whatever the provocation, a sudden breach between this country and Russia without a repercussion on the whole European situation. It is for that reason that I urged upon the Government patience and forbearance under circumstances of continued provocation, such as we have never endured at the hands of any other nation. But I have always felt and always known that there are limits beyond which patience cannot be carried. We have no desire and we make no attempt to interfere with the Soviet Government within their own boundaries. We have carried on no diplomatic campaign against them in any part of the world. We have lived up not merely to the letter but to the fullest spirit of the mutual engagement which we undertook with them. What we ask of them is not that they shall change their domestic institutions, not that they shall refrain from preaching to their own people that their own institutions are superior to those which are preferred by the rest of the world, but that they should make their policy conform to the ordinary comity of nations and abstain from an effort to promote world revolutions and from all interference in our internal affairs."

Freedom to Act.

Sir Austen Chamberlain concluded: "It is not merely verbal acceptance that we look for or that we can accept. It is acts of which we complain and it is to acts in the future that we must look to see whether there is to be any redress for these long series of outrages or whether the patience and forbearance which the British Government, and this country and Empire have shown, are in vain and no longer possible of continuance. His Majesty's Government reserve to themselves the right to judge both of the expediency of any step they contemplate and the moment when that step shall be taken. We have thought, before we proceed to any extremity, that it was right to call the world to witness the serious nature of the complaint which we have made and to give the Soviet Government one more opportunity of conforming their conduct to the ordinary rules of international life and comity."

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OTHER POINTS.

Hopes Of Liberals.

London, Mar. 3.
The Anglo-Russian relations debate in the Commons arose on the initiative of Sir Archibald Sinclair, who, in moving a reduction of the vote, declared that for the past two years Britain's trade with Russia had been greater than with China. He thought the last words of the Soviet Note offered an opportunity for improving Anglo-Russian relations and laying the foundations of world peace.

Sir Austen Chamberlain denied that he had allowed matters to drift, but on the contrary he had made more than one specific protest against specific acts of the Soviet Government but he had not received any satisfaction. The Minister cited an utterance by Mr. Philip Snowden to the effect that Bolshevik activities were directed mainly against Britain, and that the anti-British rising in China was deliberately due to Bolshevik inspiration. Sir Austen Chamberlain asked: If anybody could possibly contend that what the Soviets had done and were doing was not a clear contravention of solemn engagements. He agreed with Sir Archibald Sinclair that when the Trade Agreement was signed, Mr. Lloyd George and the Government did not expect the conditions to be kept, but we were entitled to anticipate that, in a reasonable time, the engagements would be implemented and henceforth kept. But they had never been to the Soviet side. It was only a question now, as to how long we were going to entertain diplo-

SEARCH FOR PIRATES.

COMB-OUT ON "ANHUI" AT SINGAPORE.

There was a scene of great activity at the East Wharf, Tanjong Pagar, Singapore, last week, when the Butterfield and Swire steamer Anhui, together with its contingent of over 1,700 deck passengers, was thoroughly searched for possible pirates prior to sailing for China.

This was the second time in the last few years that an outward bound coolie ship has been thoroughly searched at Singapore, but the Anhui was not as exhaustively combed out as was the Hong Wha two years ago, owing to the fact that the police had to take action hurriedly, and had no time to make full arrangements.

It appears that one of the officers on the Anhui was on board the Sun-ning when that ship was pirated, and when it was recaptured by the ship's officers after a fight which was one of the finest episodes in the history of the British mercantile marine. This officer thought he recognized among the passengers one of the men who was arrested on board the Sunning on suspicion of having taken part in the piracy, but who was released after the inquiry at Hong Kong, there being no evidence against him.

The presence of this man, if he was in fact the suspected pirate, on board the Anhui was obviously a sign that trouble might be expected on the voyage, and Captain Pennefather, master of the Anhui, reported his suspicions to the police.

The search was directed by Mr. A. H. Dickinson, A. S. P. in charge of the detective branch, and was conducted by a force of detectives, about sixty men from the police depot, and officers of the Government Monopolies Department.

All approaches to the wharf were guarded, and the search lasted from four to nine o'clock. Hurriedly though it was arranged, it was nevertheless pretty thorough, and the persons and property of some 1,700 deck passengers were carefully inspected, while the second-class passengers were also searched.

The results were negative from the police point of view, but reassuring from that of the ship's officers. No arms were discovered, but a few rounds of ammunition were seized. Twenty-five deck passengers were detained, but there were no suspicious Cantonese among them.

ABSENT FROM DUTY.

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE FINED.

At the instance of the Captain Superintendent of Police, P.C. Ernest Wright was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, this morning with being absent from Station duty from 8 a.m. on the 2nd till 11 a.m. on the 3rd instant.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., prosecuting, stated that defendant was in the Police Court for some time on the morning of the 3rd, in connection with some summonses, which was all right, but it was ascertained that he had been absent from Station duty since 8 a.m. the previous day. The present action was taken following a number of previous offences, which on the occasion was dealt with departmentally by the infliction of a fine of \$7 by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

He (Mr. Wodehouse) had seen P. C. Wright many times, and had himself hoped that the constable would keep a control over himself and turn over a new leaf. The charge was taken into Court as a warning to the defendant.

Defendant, replying to the Magistrate, said that on the day in question he met some old comrades coming off a troopship, and had one or two drinks, which had the effect of making him lose control of himself.

Remarking that this was no excuse, his Worship imposed a fine of \$25, or 14 days' hard labour.

matic relations with a country which abuses them.

Motion Rejected.

The debate resulted in the rejection of the Liberal motion by 211 votes to 146.

The question of Russia was also discussed in the House of Lords where Lord Salisbury made a statement similarly to Sir Austen Chamberlain, and Lord Reading and Lord Grey supported the Government's attitude. The latter was of opinion, however, that it would have been better to say nothing than to send a Note which it was expedient to follow up at present.

Reuter.

HOTEL MEETING.

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The items "Land" and "Buildings" in the balance sheet at the 31st December, 1926, naturally appear at figures lower than those shown at the 31st December, 1925, due to the adjustments necessary to have been made in consequence of the sale of the Kaleo Hotel property in Shanghai and the building loss sustained through the fire at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong.

Peninsula Hotel.

The item "Payments on account of construction in progress" in the balance sheet is in respect of the Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon, Hongkong. Work on that project was suspended last month owing to the building having been taken over by the Military Authorities as from the 1st instant under an agreement which provides for a monthly rental to the Company and reinstatement of the premises during tenancy. Although the terms of the agreement are, in all circumstances of the case, reasonable, your Board would have preferred in the ultimate interests of the Company to have been able to proceed towards completion. I am sure you will agree, however, that no other course was open to your Directors but to amicably acquiesce in the Military Authorities making use of this building which is so obviously eminently suited to their immediate requirements. It is, of course, impossible to estimate the duration of the troubles in China, but so long as abnormal conditions prevail and it is necessary for additional forces to be stationed in the Far East, I am confident you fully endorse the policy of your Board in loyally giving this Company's co-operation and support.

No Dividend.

Regarding the important matter of finance, I regret it is impossible in present circumstances for your Board to recommend the declaration of a dividend in respect of the past financial year. As you are of course aware, the situation which arose in June, 1925, prevented the then proposed issue of further shares of the Company being a success. Since that time one can hardly say that business conditions generally, and more particularly in the hotel industry, have been greatly improved. The Company was committed to the erection of the Peninsula Hotel, and heavy payments on that account—which should, in the ordinary course of events, have been financed by the augmentation of the Company's subscribed capital—have in the circumstances been met out of monies advanced to the Company on overdraft facilities by the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, to whom our thanks are therefore due for the considerate attitude shown in what cannot but be regarded as a period of financial stringency.

A Personal Note.

I think there is little I could usefully add at this juncture. Before closing my remarks, however, I am compelled to make reference to a matter personal to myself. It became necessary during the course of last year for your Board to grant to me leave of absence on the ground of ill-health and in June last Mr. Hawker was, on my recommendation, promoted by the Board to the position of a Managing Director, an appointment which his hard work in your interests, particularly during the past two years, so well merited. On my return to the Colony in December last, I was constrained to resign my own position as a Managing Director, whereupon the Directors invited me to a seat on the Board and elected me to the Chairmanship; it is on that account that your confirmation is requested at this meeting to my appointment as a Director. I should perhaps add that Mr. Hawker will proceed on home leave on the 15th instant and that from that date it has been arranged that I shall pro tem resume the position of a Managing Director.

The accounts before you show that \$276,677.32 has been charged as depreciation, leaving a net balance of \$803,769.45 to be dealt with at this meeting, and I now formally beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and that of the balance of Profit and Loss Account the sum of

Entertainments.

QUEEN'S

To-Day and To-Morrow
at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 and 9.20 p.m.

MARION DAVIES

in

"BEVERLY of GRAUSTARK"

WORLD

To-Day and To-Morrow

ZANE GREY'S

"WILD HORSE MESA"

STAR

To-Day and To-Morrow

5.15 to 8.45 and at 9.20 p.m.

RICHARD DIX

IN

"THE SHOCK PUNCH"

SPECIAL

DINNER DANSANT

AT THE

CAFE RESTAURANT PARISIEN

SATURDAY NIGHT,
5th March.

A SPECIAL MENU WILL BE PROVIDED
AT THE USUAL PRICE

Best of Wines and other Refreshments
served until midnight, owing to our
full licence having been restored.

TEA DANSANTS.

will be resumed from Monday, 7th March.

IF YOU WANT TO ENJOY YOURSELVES—

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\$300,000 be transferred to General Director, on the proposition of Mr. J. T. Bagram, seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.
It was proposed by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, and seconded by Mr. W. E. Van Eps, that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$2,000, and that Messrs. Thomson and Co. be re-elected auditors of the Shanghai branch at a fee of \$1,000. The resolution was unanimously carried.
Other Business.
The appointment of Messrs. Allan Cameron, John Fleming, B. Lander Lewis and J. H. Taggart as Directors was confirmed, and Mr. E. M. Raymond was re-elected a